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FOOD CONTRACTOR

AmeriServe terminates Butkievich



Butkievich

Food director ousted for alleged embezzlement

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After 15 years of service for several Missouri Southern food contractors, Ed Butkievich has been terminated for alleged embezzlement. AmeriServe, the College's food contractor since August 1994, ousted Butkievich in November, but claims it hasn't pressed formal charges,

according to company vice president Bernie Lensmeyer.

The Joplin Police Department, however, charged Butkievich on Jan. 9 with a Class C felony. Lensmeyer said he had no knowledge of such charges, and would not disclose the amount of missing cash.

Butkievich says his dismissal was not handled appropriately.

"Things were not done on the up and up," he said. "They (AmeriServe) came in and did everything under the table. They came in and snooped around while I was gone to a meeting in Columbia [Mo]."

Butkievich said when he returned to the campus, he was told that he was on administrative leave, effective immediately.

"I said, 'What for?' and they claimed there was some money missing from the meal tickets. Since I was the one in charge, I had to take the fallback."

Butkievich said several people had access to the money generated through meal tickets, and the cash passed through several hands during the transfer.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said since AmeriServe is contracted by Southern, the College actually has little to do with the situation.

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"The College is really on the outside looking in," he said. Although his employment has been terminated, Butkievich said he has no quarrel with Southern.

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STUDENT HELP

Paperwork reason for monthly checks

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Toward the end of the month Amy Graves often finds herself fretting about how much money she has at her disposal.

Graves, a junior biology major, said she and the other 140 students employed through Missouri Southern's "Student Help" program need to be paid bi-monthly. Graves works in the student services office.

"As a student, there are so many unexpected problems," she said. "If something happens, you're just out for the month."

There were 141 students employed through the program last fall. The program is funded solely by the College, unlike the "Work Study" program that uses federal funds.

The major obstacle preventing the College from paying students is the paperwork shuffle from one office to another, according to Dr. Terri Agee, director of human resources.

"Actually, we could pay students bi-monthly because they are paid hourly," Agee said, "but there are so many offices involved."

Agee also said there was a long process the business office undergoes before handing out each paycheck to students. Checking to see if students have outstanding fees and rewriting paychecks with fee deductions is done before each paycheck is issued.

Steve LaFever, College treasurer, said doing those things on a bi-monthly basis would slow down the office considerably.

"It would be a substantial workload increase for us," LaFever said.

Agee said there haven't been any complaints made in her office, and LaFever said he hasn't heard of any student qualms either.

Faculty at Southern are also paid just once at the end of the month like "Student Help" workers. Unlike the faculty, students are allowed to work only 20 hours a week. Students have no chance to earn overtime, but staff members can.

Kevin Tunnell, a senior computer information science major, said he has problems paying bills because they're due at the end of the month when money is leanest.

"I have to wait until the end of the month to pay my credit card bill, and I usually have to pay the late fee," Tunnell said.

Tunnell said he's run out of money before, but his parents helped him through. Graves, however, said she has seen hard times.

"I remember one month I lived on \$2.75 for a couple of weeks," she said. "I come back here flat broke from Christmas and have to wait until the end of February to get paid." □

BOARD OF REGENTS

Snow slows progress on Center's additions

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The extreme weather not only canceled classes, but it also set back the construction schedule of the Mills Anderson Justice Center, according to a report given at the Board of Regents meeting last Friday.

"I have been very pleased with progress they were making until the snow hit," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice-president.

While the building is scheduled to be completed around the end of September, it isn't scheduled to be occupied until January, 1998. So recent delays should not affect planning, Tiede said.

Other construction underway includes continuation of the softball complex, a street sign for Sarcoxie Trail, an emergency phone at the south entrance of the tunnel and new lighting in parking and dormitory areas.

A proposal for new classes to be offered for the Fall 1997 semester was also approved by the board.

"Our curriculum remains very dynamic," said Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum, professor and vice-president for academic affairs.

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STUDENT LIFE BEAT

“Streets may be clear at school, but that’s no help if you can’t make it to school.”



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Southern student J.D. Deskin, a freshman undecided major, glides down the hill behind Billingsly Student Center Saturday. Deskin said he was unaware sledding was a violation of campus policy because no signs were posted prohibiting sledding on campus grounds.

Cold temps can provide fun, frustration

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

The alarm goes off, you reach over and knock it to the floor before turning on the radio to hear the list of cancellations. Nope. Southern is still in session.

Time to get dressed. OK — one more time before class: Two pairs of wool socks — check. Heavy boots — check.

Long johns — check. Shorts — check. Sweats — check. Jeans — check. T-shirt — check. Long-sleeved T-shirt — check. Thermal henley — check. Hooded sweatshirt — check. Flannel — check. Ski parka — check. Gloves — check. Hat — check. You silently hope that

Student Life Beat



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College's no-sledding policy in effect

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For J.D. Deskin, the urge to sled down the rolling hills of Missouri Southern again will go unfulfilled because of the College's policy prohibiting sledding on campus grounds.

Deskin, a freshman undecided major, said he was unaware sledding was a violation of campus policy after gliding down the hills behind the Billingsly Student Center Saturday.

And because there were no signs posted behind the BSC prohibiting sledding on campus grounds, Deskin said there was no way he could have known he was breaking College policy.

"I think if (having signs posted) would help to let people know that it is illegal to sled," Deskin said.

"That would help so people would not have to get busted and then not know why they got busted."

Bill Boyer, chief of College security, said Southern's policy against sledding has been in effect for more than a decade. He also said it has been more than three years since a major sledding injury occurred on campus.

Boyer said the College's official policy discourages sledding in any form. If people are caught using the hills for that purpose, they will be asked to leave the premises.

"Obviously, we do not want to be in a liable position," Boyer said. "We do not want to see children or anyone get hurt."

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you've buried yourself under enough clothes to make it to class and still avoid frostbite.

The preceding sequence, with occasional variations, was how many Southern students started their mornings during last week's unusually fierce attack of winter weather. However, many students

faced a challenge more serious than low temperatures — icy roads.

Preston Moss, a sophomore accounting major, drives about 18 miles from his house near Alba to class every morning. "In bad weather, the problem isn't distance but back roads. There are

some back roads that the highway crews don't get to until three or four days after a storm," he said. "Streets may be clear at school, but that's no help if you can't make it to school. Bad weather

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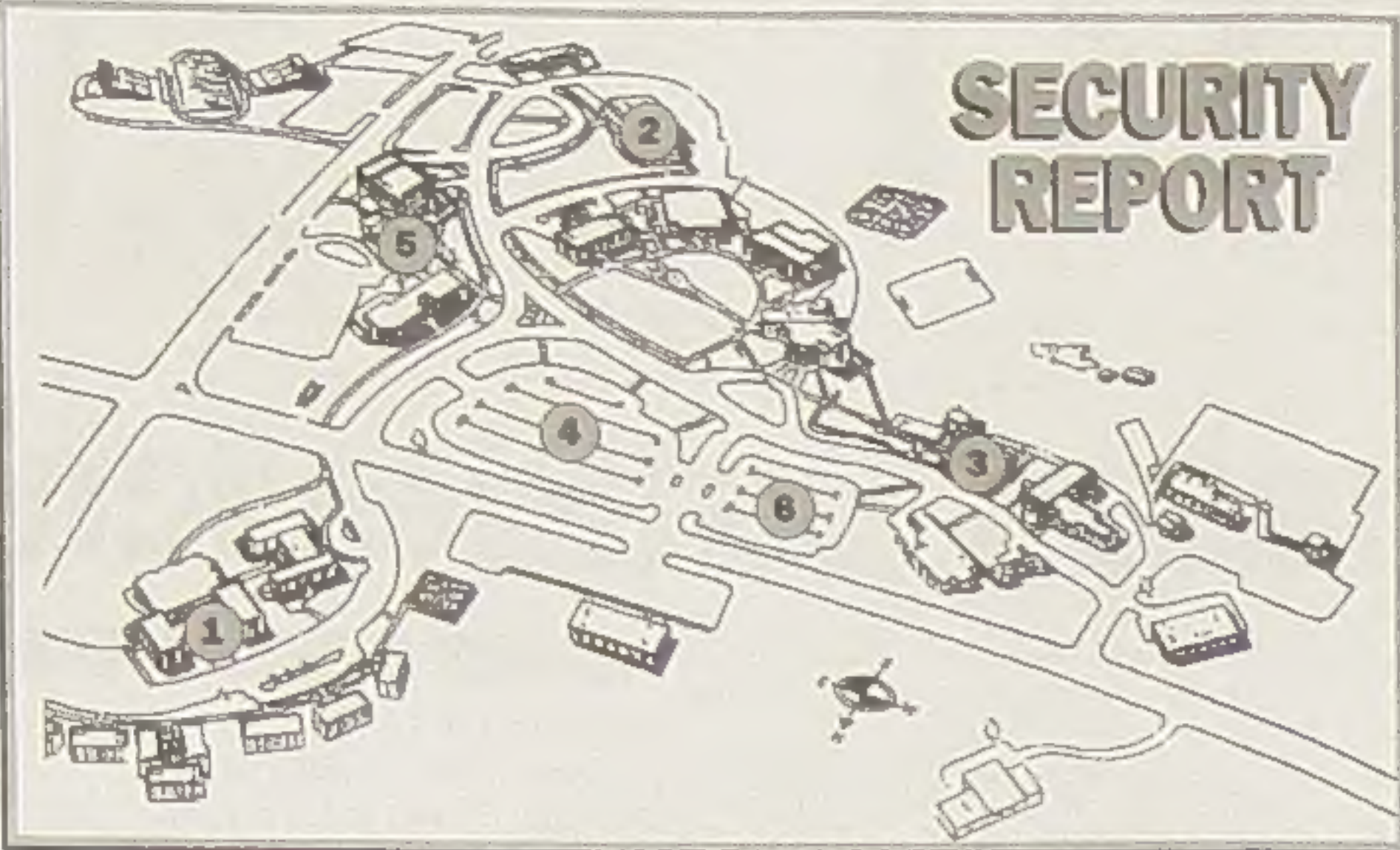


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| 2 | 11/11/97 | YOUNG GYM | 11 p.m. | A staff member of Missouri Southern was struck in the head during a basketball game in Young Gymnasium when a player lunged through the double doors at the front of the gymnasium. |
| 3 | 11/13/97 | EMS BUILDING | 11:11 a.m. | David Poe, campus mailman, slipped on the ice and was treated by school nurse Julia Foster. |
| 4 | 11/13/97 | LOT 39 | 2 p.m. | Stephanie Johnston reported a dent found on her 1996 Ford Escort parked on the North side of lot 39. |
| 5 | 11/13/97 | SPIVA ART | 12:28 p.m. | Nick Clark, a student, fell while walking to class. He was worried he had broken his arm. Clark had suffered a break in the same arm a year earlier. |
| 6 | 11/14/97 | LOT 38 | 3 p.m. | Jared Greenwood reported a 24-inch scratch on his 1994 Isuzu. |

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OBITUARY

Jolly's death stuns College

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The day after Thanksgiving, Missouri Southern's mathematics department was stunned by the loss of a long-time faculty member.

Jack Jolly, 54, former assistant professor of mathematics, died Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, after a long illness. Earlier in the year, he retired after spending various times in the hospital.

He was born July 11, 1942, in Pineville, and graduated from high school at Millay, Okla.

Jolly decided to become an educator and follow in the footsteps of his father, a high school mathematics instructor. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Oklahoma in 1963. After receiving his master's degree in 1966, also from OU, Jolly worked two years as an instructor at Arkansas State University.

Jolly came to Southern in 1968 as

a full-time instructor in mathematics and made various contributions to the department over the years.

Although his career was centered around mathematics, he harbored an array of interests. When he wasn't in the classroom, he could be found tinkering with electronic gadgets or talking up Sooners football.

"Jack's main passion was probably University of Oklahoma football, and to a lesser degree, basketball," said Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences and former head of the mathematics department. "We had lots of discussions of the relative merits of 'his' teams and others... mine, for instance."

According to Mary Elick, associate professor of mathematics, Jolly was keenly interested in technology.

"For a while, he was completely immersed in studying computers and software," she said.

"He was the first in the department to become interested in computers, and when he was interested in something, he went all out. He always upgraded on everything."

Elick said although Jolly was a



Jolly

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rather large man, "he was really a sensitive person."

"People aren't always sensitive to people who don't fit the 'ideal image,'" she said.

Martin said Jolly's greatest contribution was serving as coordinator of Missouri Southern's Math League for more than 20 years.

"He made sure the exams were ready and did all correspondence with the high school teachers," he said.

Martin said one of Jolly's most striking aspects was his memory.

"He was able to remember and recall examples and counter-examples, retaining things most of us had learned but had forgotten."

Elick also said she was amazed by Jolly's intelligence.

"He was sharper than most people knew."

He is survived by his mother, Emma Jolly, Konawa, Okla.; and two sisters, Carolyn Raper, Konawa, and Pat Boland, Grand Prairie, Texas. □

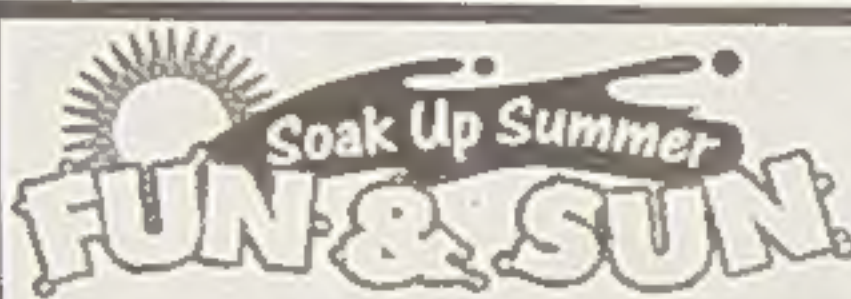
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PHYSICAL PLANT

At Southern, cinders make cents

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

When the weather turns bad, the employees at the physical plant go to work. At the first sign of icy conditions, Bob Beeler, head of the physical plant, said workers are out early cindering the sidewalks.

Although rock salt, under the correct temperatures, will melt ice, cinders are less damaging.

"We have tried different products throughout the years, and anything that has a chloride compound is very damaging to the concrete," he said. "To our knowledge there is no product that will not damage sidewalks."

Missouri Southern has been using cinders, which are made of coal ash instead of chemicals, to help students make their way around campus.

"We try to get the sidewalks as usable as possible," Beeler said. "We take phone calls all day from people telling us where it is slick."

There are several drawbacks to using cinders rather than salt or

chemicals to clear sidewalks, he said. The physical plant is looking into a preventive maintenance program that would help protect the sidewalks from products that could be used to melt the ice. This program would be expensive and could not be implemented until next summer.

"We have had a big problem when the ice does begin to melt and then it refreezes," Beeler said. "It gets very slick and we have to re-cinder."

Not only does the tracking agent become hazardous, but it also causes problems for the buildings.

"It makes a huge mess of the floors; I'm sure it is a big headache for the janitors," Beeler said. "It also damages the finish on floors."

Lillie Arnold, night custodian at Spiva Library, agreed with Beeler.

"My biggest nightmare is when the cinders are tracked through the building and mark up the floors," she said. "They are bad because you have to sweep them up as well as mop them. They also leave the floors gritty, which can become slick."

The cinders also leave a mess on the grounds and in gutters after the bad weather passes.

"It is very messy outside, too," Beeler said. "We have both hand-held and one tractor blowing equipment that we use to clean up the cinders. We are also looking at possibly hiring someone with a vacuum truck to come to campus and do the clean up."

One major bonus of using the cinders is that they are free to the College.

"We get the cinders through a product service provided by Empire District from their Asbury plant, which is run on coal," Beeler said. "All we have to pay for is the transportation to Southern and labor."

In the future this service may not be available. Beeler said the Asbury plant no longer uses the type of coal that produces this useful product.

He said the College gets its cinders from piles that have been stored for several years.

"When those are gone, we will have to find something else to use," he said. □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Although rock salt will melt ice, cinder is less damaging to sidewalks.

AMERISERVE

Buckley takes over as food director

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

This semester begins with a new face at the helm of the cafeteria. With the dismissal of Ed Butkiewicz in November, Bob Buckley has stepped into the position as director of food services for AmeriServe.

Buckley, the former assistant director, has been with Missouri Southern's food contractors for more than six years.

"I worked more with the employees as the assistant director; now, I do the overall operations, the catering, and I am more involved in day-to-day operations," he said.

Buckley said in the last year many changes have occurred in the food service and although more are in the works, they will not be as noticeable as others.

Tonie Haslip, administrative assistant, agreed.

"We are going to try some new things in the snack bar and cafeteria. A lot of things are in progress," she said.

Zak Kuhlmann, senior biology major and member of the Student Senate who serves on the food service committee, was enthusiastic about Buckley's appointment.

"I'm excited about Bobby taking over food services here at Southern," he said. "I think he has a genuine concern for students and has many new ideas for improving food service."

The attitude among food service employees is generally positive with the changes in management.

"Everyone seems very content, more at ease with the working conditions," said Bonnie Blagg, a cashier who has worked in the food service department since 1967.

Haslip said one reason the working conditions are better is because Buckley is such a people person.

"There is an uplifted atmosphere because he communicates so well with everyone, employees and students," she said. "We are here for the students; they are our No. 1 priority and he understands that."

Buckley said he is trying to get settled and right now is just taking a look at everything and evaluating what needs to be done.

"Out of everything, the most important part of the deal is taking care of the kids," he said. □

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Bob Buckley
Director of Food Services

Columbia native welcomes change

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Feeling the need for a change, 34-year-old James Gray took a chance and moved to a city he had never heard of before, Joplin, Mo.

Gray brings 24 years of food service experience to AmeriServe, Missouri Southern's food service provider. The new assistant director of food service worked in Columbia, Mo., in his parents' restaurant and ran his own catering service, Goodies Good Time Catering.

"I bring a lot of experience from washing dishes to the management aspect of it," Gray said. "I also bring public relations skills and hope to use those to work with the College and the community."

Some of the organizations Gray hopes to get involved with in the local community include the Boys and Girls Club, Joplin Family Y, Kiwanis Club, and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Gray said having good public relations will help his company meet the needs of its customers, Southern students and faculty, as well as provide the possibility of expansion into the surrounding community.

"Public relations means getting along with those you are working with as well as the students, professors, and community. It is being able to understand and relate to people. In this business you must have people skills. People skills are the No. 1 aspect."

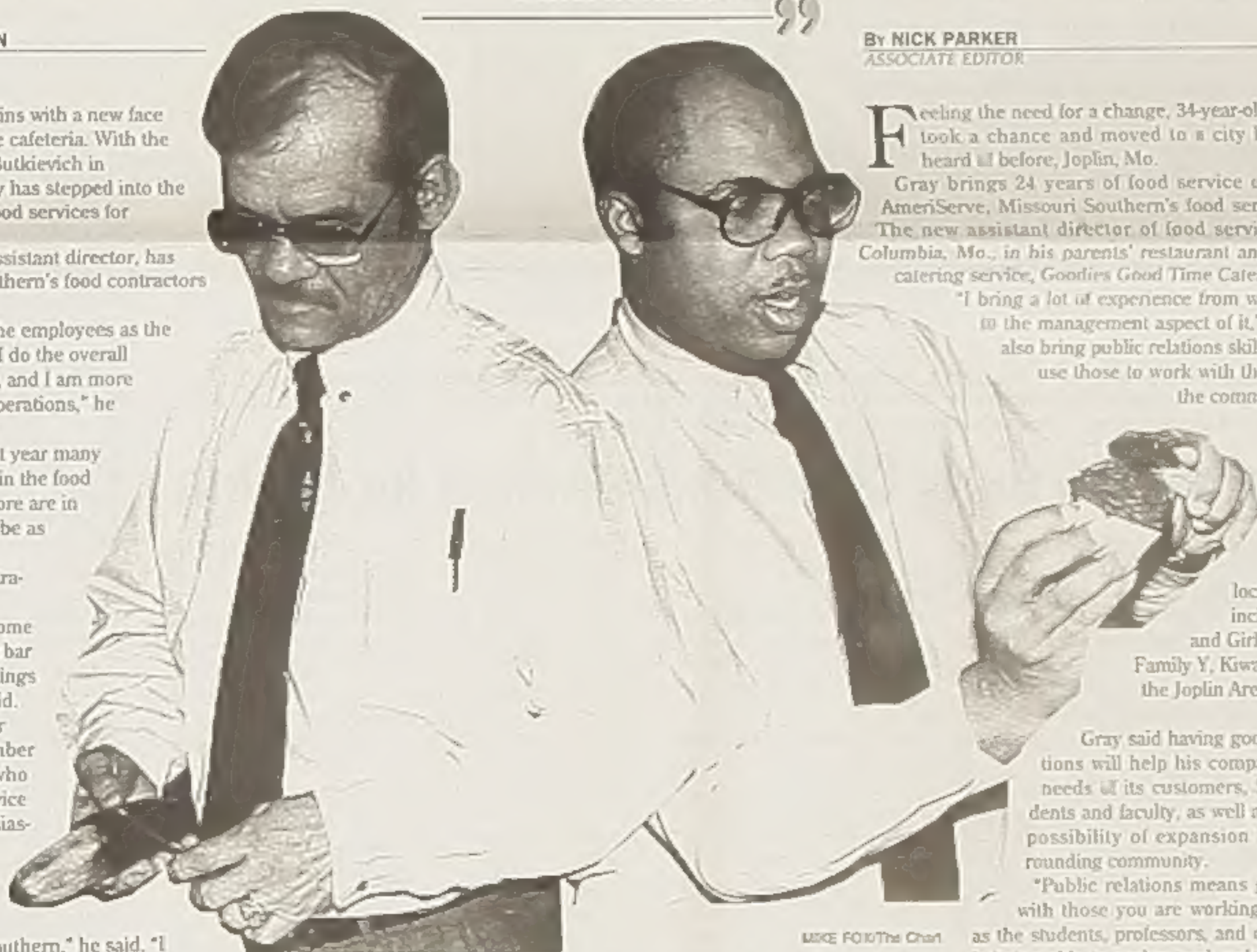
Gray, born and raised in Columbia, was ready for a change in his life when he was approached by a friend with a job offer.

"The vice president (Bernie Lensmeyer) of the company (AmeriServe) approached me about a job opening, and at first I hesitated," Gray said. "He called back one day and he said they had an opening and asked if I was interested. After a couple of days he called me back and said the job was in Joplin. I had never been in or heard of Joplin, so here I am."

Gray said he and Lensmeyer have been friends since childhood.

After only a few weeks, Gray said he doesn't regret making the move to Joplin.

"It was a great opportunity," he said. "It gives me a chance to meet a lot of new people, and so far the people have been great. This is my home while I am here, and since I've been here, I've found Joplin to be an enjoyable place to live. I miss my friends, but Joplin is small enough that it still reminds me of home." □



MIKE FOX/The Chart

Bob Buckley (left), director of food services, and James Gray, assistant director of food service, will add dynamic flavor to Missouri Southern's cafeteria menu.

BILLINGSLEY STUDENT CENTER

Numerous factors cause longer lines at bookstore

By AILEEN GRONWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Where's the express lane? That was the question on many students' minds when they went to pick up their textbooks this semester.

"I went down Monday morning, and the line was backed up almost to the stairs," said Stephanie Budding, freshman undecided major. "I couldn't wait that long, so I had to come back later."

The lines were longer than usual this year, due to several factors.

"I've been here three years, and this is the

worst I've seen it," said Steve Taylor, bookstore manager. "We had three people ill on one of our busiest days."

Icy weather also contributed to the congestion, as the campus was closed the Thursday before classes started and again on the third day of the semester. But the biggest obstacle to the smooth distribution of books is more constant than weather and illness.

"Space is our biggest problem," Taylor said. "We have nowhere to go with our freight now, and we keep adding new courses. If I could man four cash registers instead of two it would really help, but I don't have any place to put more cash registers."

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, the solution currently under consideration hinges on the completion of the Student Life Center's second phase.

"If we move the cafeteria to the Student Life Center, we've talked about moving the snack bar upstairs and expanding the bookstore into the current snack bar area," Tiede said. "I would hope we're looking at a three- to five-year time frame, but it's all contingent on funding."

A more immediate solution to the congestion might be to add additional locations for book distribution. Students have an easier time returning books since drop-off locations in

Matthews Hall and Webster Hall were added, but Taylor said space is still a problem.

"We've talked about other ideas, but for now it looks like we're pretty well stuck with this system," he said.

Under the current conditions, students can take steps to minimize their wait, Taylor said. The best option is to pick up books before the first day of class.

"If students are pre-enrolled and have paid their fees, they can pick up their books anytime after Jan. 2," he said. "For the fall semester, it's sometime in July."

Another way to avoid long lines is to come later in the day. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Schick 3-on-3 tourney hits Young Gym court

Missouri Southern students who have a penchant for popping trays into the bucket will have the opportunity to do so for prizes and maybe a chance for the national title when Schick's Super Hoops comes to the College Monday.

The Schick Super Hoops "3-on-3 Basketball Tournament" hits the Young Gymnasium hardwood at 4 p.m. with a plethora of free giveaways to participants.

Southern will be one of 600 colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the contest that will have the winner going to one of 16 regional contests at a nearby college. Regional tourneys will be held at such schools as University of Texas-Arlington, Ohio State, Northeastern, and University of Southern California. They will feature upwards of 50 campus champs in an all-day tournament.

Besides Schick, other sponsors include Turner Sports, Nestle, and Microsoft.

In all, the tournament expects to draw some 200,000 college students to the court for the tournaments. □

Speakers to discuss cerebral palsy center

Everyone is invited to attend a program sponsored by Missouri Southern's Social Science Club that will feature speakers from the Cerebral Palsy Center.

At 12:15 p.m., Feb. 4, in Webster Hall Room 223, Cathy Cross and Rosemary Wiedeman from the Cerebral Palsy Center in Webb City will speak to anyone interested about the function and necessity of the center.

Also included is a discussion about how the funds from the "Have a Heart" campaign will be utilized.

Donation hearts for the campaign are for sale by the Social Science Club also in Webster Hall Room 223 for \$1 apiece.

Anyone needing further information can contact Dr. Karl Schmidt at 625-9588. □

Medieval Club invites students for first forum

Much like the United States Armed Forces, Missouri Southern's counseling department is looking for a few good men and women to be College Orientation Student Leaders.

The selection process has begun for these student-leader positions for the 1997 fall semester.

Orientation leaders will be responsible for the instruction of 15 to 20 freshmen in an eight-week College Orientation class.

Participation in spring and fall training sessions covering the course objectives is required to complete the program.

Applicants should be enrolled at Southern and have completed 50 hours with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average.

Selection is also based upon leadership potential, academic standing, and commitment to the College.

First-time leaders are eligible for two credit hours in Psychology 498 Leadership Training.

Experience is also touted as one of the benefits for student leaders. Student leaders will have a chance to practice their public speaking, organizational, and group facilitation skills if involved. The counseling office believes these are the characteristics many employees look for.

Applications can be obtained in the Counseling Services Office in Hearnes Hall Room 114. Applications are due by Feb. 28.

Personal interviews will be scheduled for the weeks March 3 and 10.

Announcement of the chosen leaders will be March 14.

For more information contact Susan Craig at 625-9542. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Disco evils should stay in the past

I guess if you wait long enough everything really does come back around, whether you want it to or not.

The one thing I really hoped I wouldn't have to live through again has come back to haunt me again. Disco... the word strikes terror in the heart of any true music lover.

I was there in the 1970s when disco invaded the world of entertainment the first time.

We were just bopping along, listening to some of the best music the world had to offer.

We had bands like Jethro Tull, Led Zeppelin, The Who, The Rolling Stones, and Steely Dan. We had the best musicians, like Eric



Kevin Coleman
Arts Etc. Editor

Clapton, Jimmy Page, Alvin Lee, and Bob Dylan. Life was good.

Then it happened. I've never been able to figure out why, but somebody decided that the world needed plastic music. Plastic music begat plastic people.

The next thing you knew, everywhere you looked people were wearing polyester clothes and trying to look like John Travolta.

All the clubs had mirrored balls hanging from the ceiling and Bee Gees music blaring from their sound systems.

"They said it was easier to dance to. Sure it was, if you wanted to dance exactly the same way to every song, just like everybody else in the bar. I think that's what really irritated me about disco. It didn't allow for individuality.

Music should be creative. It's supposed to make you feel something. Disco didn't do that. All the bands were playing the same thing.

They all had the same non-message. If a person bought one Donna Summer, Average White Band, or Bee Gees album, he had enough music to open their own club.

I did get talked into experimenting with disco a couple of times, but I just couldn't cope with it.

After one or two drinks, I would absolutely have to get out of those places.

It was like being surrounded by a crowd of mindless zombies who were under the control of some sadistic disc-jockey.

It was like being stuck in the middle of somebody's sick, twisted nightmare.

Somehow, I managed to escaped the disco trap.

I was so glad when the disco monster died and it was safe to go out and socialize again.

When I came to Joplin and started college, I thought it was great that there were so many original bands, made up of talented and creative individuals.

But lately I've been hearing about a couple of the local clubs that have started to resurrect the monster.

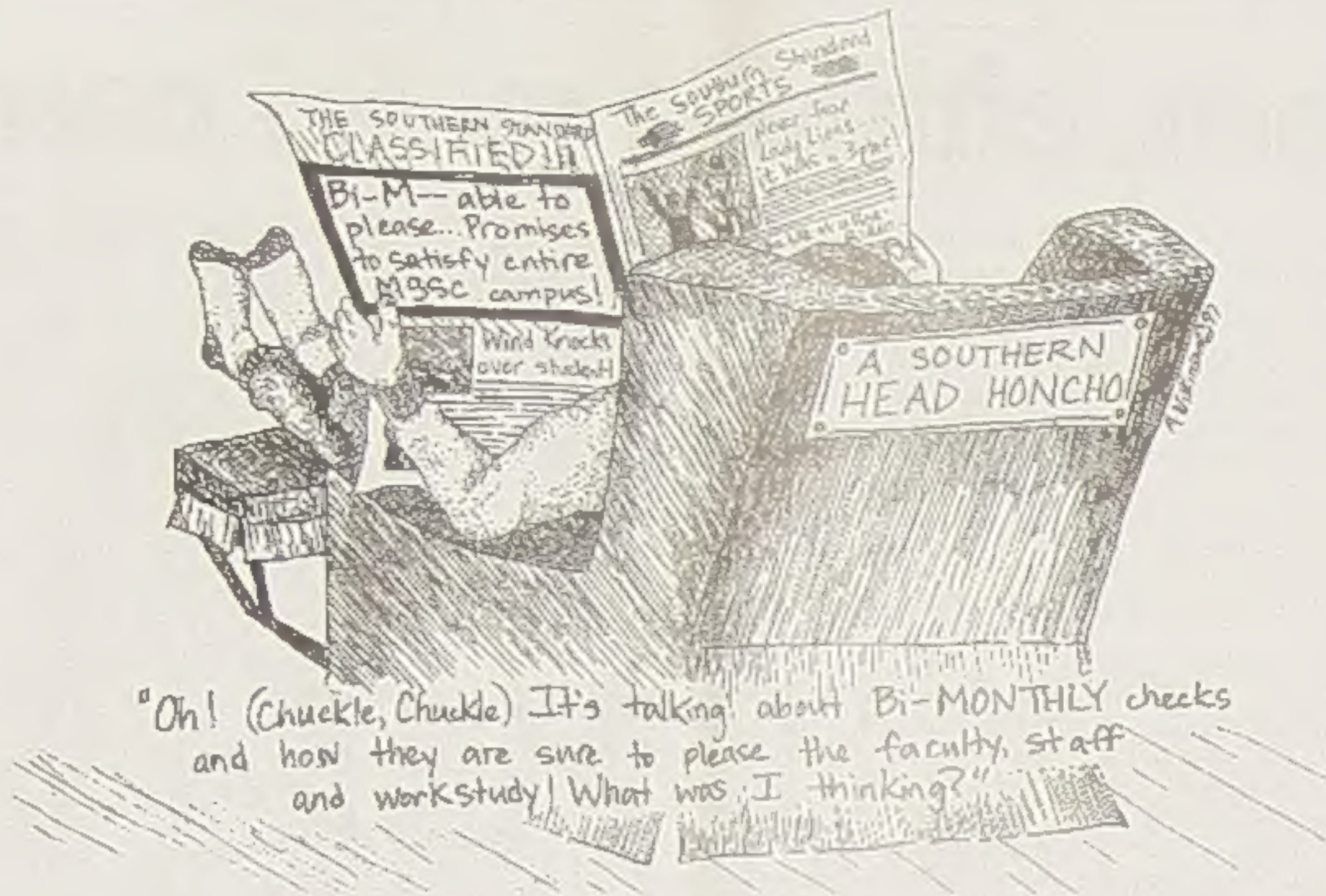
I haven't heard of anyone manufacturing any new disco music. They're just recycling a piece of the old evil.

The question here is: why?

Why would anyone want to return to an era of clonism?

When there is so much good music being written and performed in this area, why would anyone want to pull the stake from the heart of the disco beast and allow it to pillage our minds again?

With all the real talent there is around here, I don't see why anyone would want to revive the horror of the 70s. □



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Bi-monthly pay a better option

Money gets tight for everyone on occasion, but for college students those occasions creep up more often than not.

Missouri Southern is doing little to relieve the burden placed on students who work for the College. Students who are paid through the College's "Student Help" program are paid on a monthly basis, the same as faculty members. They are not, however, paid anywhere close to the same amount. Students should be paid bi-monthly. Because students are allowed to work only 20 hours a week, the monthly paycheck comes in at the most a little less than \$400. The money is not chickenfeed, but when it comes only once a month it is pretty difficult to manage.

The College's stance is that the paperwork would inhibit the business office's ability to run smoothly. By paying students bi-monthly, the business office would have to double the workload.

If the College pays staff members bi-monthly, it can find a way to pay the student help employees in the same fashion. Last fall, Southern employed 141 students through the "Student Help" program.

That was 141 people who had trouble making ends meet by the third week of any month. These employees are doing a job, without benefits, as well as studying and most likely participating in other extra-curricular activities. They are very busy people.

Just as the College is helping these students by allowing them to earn money, these students are helping the College do a job that would most definitely cost more to employ on a full-time basis.

It is time to do just a little bit more for the students who are vital to this College operating proficiently. Finding a way to pay "Student Help" employees on a bi-monthly basis is a must. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Dedication early Christmas present for Bodon

Last month I received a news release from Missouri Southern State College which indicated that the Board of Regents had approved the naming of the soccer field the Bodon Field. That was a very nice early Christmas present. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who had anything to do with this project. To have my name associated with Missouri Southern in this manner is indeed a very great honor and I am very grateful.

I especially want to thank Alan Brady and Rick Rogers who have used their time and influence to see this project through. Whatever happens at Missouri Southern that benefits the faculty or the students, it is a foregone conclusion that College President Julio Leon is supportive of such action. I also want to thank him for his great leadership over the years. I am sure that I am overlooking some who also supported this action; them also I want to thank.

Some of my former students might still be at Southern and will remember the soccer balls that they bought for me to take to Haiti for distribution. I want to tell them that they have been distributed to churches, schools, and an orphanage. They were gratefully accepted. It was a pleasure to see their big eyes get even bigger. I wished all of you could have been there to see it.

The Haitian people are very grateful for anything they get. They do not have much and, therefore, appreciate everything. They do not waste anything. They are the nicest and friendliest people I have ever met. Haiti is a beautiful country with a great climate. We are here in the Caribbean, which has a tropical climate. As I write this letter (Dec. 16), it is 86 degrees and sunny, shirt-sleeve weather. That they are a poor people is widely known, poor as far as worldly possessions are concerned, but they are a people of faith and spiritual things, and events are important to them.

My wife and I have been in Haiti now for six months. We are serving as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We will be here another 18 months. Time really goes by fast. We are enjoying our stay here and being in a position to help serve these people. I would encourage all of our college students to include such service in their young lives, either as a Peace Corps volunteer, missionary, or other service-oriented activity. It will be the two years that will shape their lives the most. They will learn to appreciate the United States as they return and will be in a position to help keep the USA the great country it is.

We receive The Chart and are very happy to read about the great things that are going on with the international mission of the College. Hopefully many of the students will take advantage of these opportunities to visit other countries and to become acquainted with other cultures. It will definitely enlarge their intellectual horizon.

Sincerely and Good Luck!
Harold W. Bodon

Jolly was not only a teacher, but also a friend

I first met Jack Jolly in the fall of 1971. I was a first-semester student, and after studying at night, I would go with some friends down to Sambo's Restaurant to drink coffee and hang out. Jack was just beginning to teach at that time, and we got acquainted. Little did I know that the friendship that developed between us would last for both lifetimes.

Jack was a knowledgeable individual, one whose interests strayed into unexpected areas. We did a little talking about math, which was his area of expertise, but the bulk of our continuing conversations over

the years spanned the gamut from music of all types to computers, writing, and general recall of people we had met, from sports figures to concert celebrities. Jack had an eclectic mind, and his interests would cover everything from science fiction to the blues. As my interests changed, and as I went from one new thing to another, he was always available to discuss them and to turn my direction to new areas, and explore his personal perceptions of them.

Often at night, as we were sitting at any of the restaurants that Jack and I frequented, we would make a decision to do some-

thing different. This would run from going to visit old friends that we hadn't seen for awhile to running over out-of-the-way dirt roads, regardless of condition, to see where they led. While we were doing these things, we would continue to expand on those subjects that we found to be of our interest.

Unfortunately, during the last few years, Jack and I did not get together as often, as changes in jobs and the general changes in

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IN PERSPECTIVE

Let's develop caring climate about others

The story is told of two men who were traveling through a forest when, all at once, a huge bear crashed out of the brush near them. One of the men, thinking of his own safety, climbed a tree. The other, unable to fight the savage beast alone, threw himself on the ground and lay still, as if he were dead. He had heard that a bear would not touch a dead body.

It must have been true, for the bear sniffed at the man's head a while and then, seeming to be satisfied that he was dead, walked away.

The man in the tree climbed down to the ground. "It looked as if that bear whispered something in your ear," he said. "What did he tell you?" "He said," answered the other, "that it was not at all wise to keep company with a fellow who would desert his friend in a moment of danger."

I have been at Missouri Southern for almost three years now, and it continually surprises me to find how "dangerous" college life can be for many of our students, especially those who commute. Many of our students lack friends and do poorly in school because they feel isolated and alone on our campus, frequently "deserting," never to return.

How do we produce an environment that will support connection and friendship among our students and which will enhance learning? The nearest I come to an answer is found in a poem by William Butler Yeats, "God guard me from those thoughts men think in the mind alone. He that sings a lasting song thinks in the marrow bone." For many of our students it simply means extending ourselves to others. I believe that it is a mistaken opinion that learning is a solitary matter best achieved in isolation from others. The most important aspect of our world is people, and it is with and through people that our most important discoveries can be achieved.

If students are going to be successful at Missouri Southern, we need to begin a process that encourages friendship: forming study groups, enhancing faculty-student interaction, and breaking down campus isolation. Students can become successful on this campus if we begin to develop a climate of caring about each other. Our students need the assurance of acceptance — we make ourselves well by giving and receiving. I leave you, then, with 10 suggestions. Perhaps some might be Pollyannaish; nonetheless, they are important notions which have been offered to me by faculty, staff, and students. The Ten Commandments of Friendship:

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word or greeting.
2. Smile at people. They may reach out to you in new and surprising ways.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his or her own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Try to be genuinely interested in people.
6. Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism.
7. Be considerate of others. It will be appreciated.
8. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a discussion — yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
9. Be open to people. Delay forming first impressions.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others. □



Erik Bitterbaum
Vice president, academic affairs

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Interactive courses unite classrooms

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Lights, camera, action, and students unite with fellow classmates attending Southwest Missouri State University graduate classes.

"It's a very ambitious and, I think, marvelous concept."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum
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academic affairs

Marketing Management and Environmental Ethics are two interactive video graduate courses offered at Missouri Southern this semester. Joplin students see, hear, and speak with fellow students and instructors in Springfield. The telecommunications system set up in Webster Hall, Room 111, makes this possible.

According to Diana Garland, outreach coordinator for SMSU, the quantity of students is not a factor with interactive video classes. The new offer of a master's degree in business administration this spring, however, has proved popular and necessitated an on-site instructor

for Marketing Management.

"With 25 students attending the class, we need a faculty member there," Garland said. "A couple of times during the semester the Joplin class will connect with the identical class in Springfield, making a combined class of 50."

This combination allows guest speakers in Springfield to reach the Joplin students. Graduate courses on Southern's campus are nothing new. The College already offers a master's education degree through SMSU. Graduate classes meet in the late afternoon and evening to accommodate working adults. Approximately 120 students are taking advantage of the graduate programs.

According to Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs at Southern, the relationship is all part of the blueprint set down by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The underlying premise is to deliver graduate, undergraduate, and technical education throughout the state through telecommunications and on-site programs.

"It's a very ambitious and, I think, marvelous concept," Bitterbaum said. "One can stay in one's own community and further one's education."

Southern serves as host and provides facilities to offer

the degrees. Bitterbaum said the College's involvement in bringing other programs to the campus will increase after development of offices for Missouri Southern's Graduate Center this summer.

"We don't know all of their (SMSU's) plans, but as technology develops and programs mature, more and more will be offered," he said. "We are really just in its infancy of what will be offered."

This partnership between Southern and SMSU is envisioned to continue as more classes are to be offered as the need arises.

"With such a cooperative effort, we would be pleased to offer those things SMSU could provide that MSSC and the state board would approve," Garland said.

Bitterbaum also said the potential for Southern faculty to instruct graduate level classes exists. By completing a master's program in their hometown, Joplin residents benefit from distance education. The formal increasing more and more around the country.

"Collaboration saves dollars when using distance education, and it uses resources wisely," Bitterbaum said.

For more information, persons may call Garland at the Academic Outreach Department at SMSU at 1-888-879-7678.

MARKETING CLUB

Organization unfolds prior to winter break

New club provides marketing majors networking options

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

After years without a club of their own, Missouri Southern marketing majors now have an official marketing club.

"I think right now it's just AMA, which is American Marketing Association," said Shannon Marti, senior marketing major.

Marti said the new club began production prior to Christmas break. No marketing club has existed at Southern in the past. Marti attributes the forming of the AMA to someone coming forward wanting to do it.

She said she attended Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield for four years and was a member of SMSU's AMA for two years.

"When I came here I was kind of shocked that they didn't have one," Marti said. "And I thought it was great that they were getting one started."

Marti said she thinks the new

club will provide experience and networking for its members.

"We're going to start having speakers come to talk and try to get us prepared for interviews," she said.

Marti said the group is also planning a trip to St. Louis, Kansas City, or Tulsa to tour companies, advertising firms, and marketing firms.

Marti is one of eight officers in the AMA. She is the vice president of advertising and promotions.

Each vice president, she said, is responsible for their particular area. Marti said the officers were elected first by showing interest in a particular area, and more than one person was interested, each person had to "sell" himself or herself. The other officers include Bryan Gripka, president; Angie Coleman, vice president; Lesley Ponder, vice president, communications; Shannon Snelson, vice president, membership; Stephanie LeVine, vice president, program; John Smaha, vice president, multimedia; and James Lunday, vice president, finance.

"In a short time, we've already done a lot," said Snelson, a senior marketing major. "Since we're going to have speakers come and talk, it will help us meet different people." □

NURSING DEPARTMENT

"This program is exciting and unique..."



KATHRYN BLUNT/Special to The Chart

A partnership between Missouri Southern and the University of Missouri-Kansas City has given this group of graduates the opportunity to attain a master's of science in nursing degree from UMKC.

UMKC bridges master's gap

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

Once again, technology has bridged the gap between society's needs and the structural barriers that encompass them.

Via satellite, nursing students on Missouri Southern's campus are now able to attain a master's degree and better serve southwest Missouri's medical needs.

A partnership between Missouri Southern and the University of Missouri-Kansas City has enabled persons with a bachelor of science in nursing degree to receive a master of science in nursing degree on Southern's campus.

"This program is exciting and unique because students who are working in the medical field to support a family do not have to travel to Kansas City," says Anita Singleton, program coordinator and associate professor of nursing at Southern.

"They can just pack up and go," Singleton worked with Barbara Box, director of nursing at Southern, and Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, to implement the program.

The program, which takes more than two years to complete, is taught by UMKC faculty with classes transmitted to Webster Hall where students are able to interact with instructors by responding to questions or making inquiries.

"We sought out the answers together," says Sarah Hoover, who received her degree in December.

"We thought we would have a disadvantage because we were at a remote location.

"However, the instructor seemed to favor the remote. Joplin came out on top."

Graduates from this program who complete a national test offered by The American Nurses Credentials Center in February will be able to prescribe medicine and diagnose minor illnesses.

These services are needed in rural areas as well as practice management centers in Joplin. Frank Tisdale, a December graduate and father of three, enjoyed the program.

"Even though the telecommunications network was a problem at first, we worked out the bugs and had an excellent program," he said.

One Southern staff member was also a graduate. Julia Foster, campus nurse, received her degree.

She would like to utilize her enhanced status on campus.

UMKC grad program

Persons behind the scenes:

- Anita Singleton, program coordinator and associate professor of nursing
- Barbara Box, director of nursing
- Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology

How the plan works:

- Program takes more than two years to complete
- Classes are taught by UMKC faculty with classes transmitted to Webster Hall at Missouri Southern
- Students can interact with instructors at UMKC by responding or making inquiries

Program's benefits:

- Graduates from the program who complete a national test offered by The American Nurses Credentials Center in February will be able to prescribe medicine and diagnose minor injuries

"I would like to stay here at Missouri Southern and expand the services offered by the campus nurse," she said.

Foster believes other areas of study at Southern could benefit from the type of technology that created the nursing master's program.

Spurlin agrees: The success of this program could open the door for other areas, such as the criminal justice department to offer a master's program.

He says Central Missouri State University is a possible transmission base for such a program.

"The most striking aspect of this program is that now students can receive a master's degree," Singleton said.

Two additional classes for the UMKC program are scheduled for graduation in December 1997 and December 1998. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU establishes fifth health education center

Southwest Missouri State University will help meet rural health-care needs in 18 southwest Missouri counties through a new Area Health Education Center (AHEC) established Jan. 17 on campus.

SMSU has received \$100,000 through a combination of state and federal funding to establish the fifth Missouri Rural Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) in the state. The \$100,000 comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Missouri Department of Health via a cooperative agreement with Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, the lead organization for the MAHEC. During the first year, SMSU will provide \$16,933 in matching funding.

MAHEC is a statewide partnership that includes the AHEC office in Kirksville, an AHEC office at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and operational centers in Macon, Poplar Bluff, and Rolla.

The southwest Missouri AHEC will serve 18 counties, including Jasper and Newton. AHEC programs have three goals: establish clinical training sites for students, recruit students to go into math and science careers; and provide educational support for people in the service area. □

Truman State appoints interim vice president

Garry Gordon, an associate professor of art, has been appointed interim vice president for academic affairs at Truman State University.

Gordon succeeds Lanny Morley, who has resumed his previous duties as head of the division of mathematics and computer science.

"Both of these persons give unselfishly of their time and energy to this university," said President Jack Magruder in making the announcement. "I am most appreciative of Lanny's dedicated service as our vice president."

"Under Garry's leadership, we will see that same commitment to making Truman one of the best undergraduate universities in the nation."

Truman State will continue its search for a permanent successor. Gordon's appointment will continue until June 30, 1998.

Gordon, who joined Truman State's faculty in 1980, has been recognized for his teaching and advising through accolades such as the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He has also served as president of Truman State's faculty senate and is currently president of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. □

Increasing opportunities goal for NWSU's Bush

Dr. Robert Bush has been named Northwest Missouri State University's vice president for regional initiatives, a new title that better describes his activities of the last 13 years.

Under Bush's leadership, Northwest has entered into numerous partnerships with private entities, state agencies, school districts, and corporations.

Bush will continue to oversee the university's Center for Applied Research, the Institute for Quality Productivity, and many other regional activities.

"Northwest is a regional institution and we feel we must maintain that relationship with the entire region and not just Maryville or Nodaway County," he said.

Bush says one of the critical issues currently facing northwest Missouri is the lack of opportunities available for individuals after they complete their college degree.

"This region needs to diversify if we're going to survive, and this institution (Northwest) has a direct relationship to that," he said. □

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STUDENT LIFE

Super Bowl Bonanza:

RHA provides food, fun for student football fanatics

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

When the ball is snapped Sunday evening to begin Super Bowl XXXI, the Student Life Center will be abuzz with Missouri Southern students enjoying free food and watching the Packers vs. the Patriots.

The Residence Hall Association is sponsoring a Super Bowl party beginning at 8 p.m. Sunday and providing students free food, door prizes, and a big screen for watching the

evening's big showdown in New Orleans.

"All students, both residents and commuters, are welcome," said Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing. "All they need is their student ID to get in."

Gipson says the staff assistant who is putting the event together, junior business management major Debby Hokanson, is doing a great job and the AmeriServe staff has been a real asset in preparing for the event.

"Bobby [Buckley, director of food services] and James [Gray, assistant manager of food services] have been a tremendous help to us

by providing the food and even preparing dishes that go along with the evening's football theme," Gipson said.

Holley Goodnight, women's residence hall director, says some of the theme food includes clam dip for New England fans and "cheese head" for Green Bay fans.

"We are also offering some nice door prizes like free dinners, money prizes, and cases of soda," said Student attendance of the event is expected to be high, and freshman computer aided drafting and design major Carol Bedford said she will be attending the event

for more than one reason.

"I want to see the game, but I also think it's going to be a lot of fun," she said.

Jill Becker and Emily Petty, both freshmen secondary education majors, are planning on attending the party and say they are looking forward to meeting new people and that it's nice to get a free dinner on Sunday evening.

"We want to provide students with a meal Sunday since the cafeteria doesn't serve dinner," Goodnight said, "and basically, we just want to make the party a fun time for everyone." □

DENTAL HYGIENE

Mary Lou Graham, Joplin, receives a thorough cleaning from Judy Berhorst, senior dental hygiene major, at the College's dental hygiene clinic. The clinic is open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday. By appointment, students can have their teeth cleaned, X-rayed, and polished for \$5 with a student ID. The cost also includes sealants and fluoride treatments.

FILE PHOTO



Clinic offers low-cost, personalized care

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

With the rising cost of medical care and the fear that often accompanies a trip to the dentist, the inexpensive and personal care provided by Missouri Southern's dental hygiene clinic is an appealing option for many students and area residents.

Current Southern students can have their teeth cleaned, X-rayed, and polished for \$5 with a student ID according to Tia Strait, dental hygiene instructor. The cost also includes sealants and fluoride treatments. Members of the community may receive the same care for \$15.

The students' work is supervised by Strait along with instructors Nancy Karst, Rhonda White, and Dr. Sandra Scorse. Two part-time supervising dentists are Dr. Sam Miller, a Southern graduate, and Dr. Eric Crawford.

Judy Stone, senior dental hygiene major, says she appreciates the program's quality.

"There are a lot of dentists that request MSSC graduates because they know we get a quality education," she said.

"The instructors are very good at giving us an overall knowledge," Stone said.

"I chose MSSC over Tulsa because I felt more comfortable with the instructors," said Debbie Daniels, junior dental hygiene major.

She travels 90 minutes to class three days a week with her sister, who is also a dental hygiene major.

Jo Ann Lack has been a Southern patient for 15 years. She says the staff is great and she enjoys the way students care about their work.

"They call you by name and apologize if they think they're hurting you. They gave me a shot and did a great job," she said.

Vicki Earhart has been visiting the clinic for at least seven years.

She is extremely pleased with the students' work and said she appreciates the instructors' help as well.

"The instructors are very personable and

are concerned with the students' learning," she said.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, has been visiting the clinic since 1994.

He was curious about the program, and being a patient helped him understand how the clinic works.

"I'm absolutely pleased with their performance; it's a slow process, but it's worth it," he said.

Bitterbaum says he would recommend the clinic because "it's an excellent facility and the students show tremendous care and skill."

Southern's clinic also provides services to Cerebral Palsy centers and nursing homes. They will soon be screening area second graders providing necessary treatments for those who qualify.

The dental hygiene clinic is located on the west side of Southern's campus.

Appointments can be scheduled for 8 a.m. and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. □

FINANCIAL AID

Software reduces confusion, work load

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Filling out financial aid applications in the past has required a substantial amount of work for the student and the financial aid staff. Some students fail to understand what information is needed and some have failed to receive aid in time, due to errors when filling out the forms.

"We're making it so simple for students to apply for assistance," said James Gilbert, director of student financial assistance. "Starting in June, students will be able to take software that we give them, or they can go to the PC lab and get on the World Wide Web."

Once on the Web, a click on the Missouri Southern home page and another click on the financial aid icon will bring up a financial aid application. Along with the necessary financial information, students will state whether they

prefer work, loans, or gift aid only.

"The student can't make physical mistakes because of all the edit checks," Gilbert said. "If the student indicates they were born in 1776, it won't take the date. It will ask them to resolve all the conflicts and make it clean. It's a fail-safe type of system."

Once the application passes the edit checks, the student will go by hyper-link to the Department of Education's computer in Washington, where the completed form is entered.

After entering the application, the student will be asked to print and sign a signature page.

"They will transfer it by hyper-link to the central processor in Iowa City and the application is done," Gilbert said. "I will never see the student, and they've never filled out a piece of paper."

This new system is the first step in what is called Project EASI (Easy Access for Students in Institutions).

"In the future, about two years, students will be able to call on the telephone and apply for financial aid. It's pretty amazing," Gilbert said. "The paper application will go away."

Gilbert estimates that using the electronic filing system has saved the College about \$20,000 a year over the past three years. "That's in addition to the reduction of work for the staff," he said.

The electronic system is also giving financial aid to students sooner due to the lack of errors.

"In the central processor last year, there were 10 million applications," Gilbert said. "With the eight million paper applications, there was 31 percent, or approximately 2.5 million errors, that were rejected and sent back to the student to correct. Of the two million electronic applications, there were 175 mistakes, and they were caused by telephone blips in the system." □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

James Gilbert (left), director of student financial assistance, talks with Linda Oldham Burns, computer systems coordinator, Wednesday in Hearnes Hall.

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Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

12:20 p.m.—

Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223

5:30 p.m.—

Medieval Club meeting, Student Life Center

6:30 p.m.—

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m.—

• Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room

• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 24

Deadline for Intramural Basketball sign-up

• Deadline for Shick 3/3 Basketball

Saturday 25

• Missouri Southern track in the Arkansas Invitational

Sunday 26

6 p.m.—

Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl

7 p.m.—

Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement

• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 27

3 p.m.—

Intramural basketball captains meeting, racquetball court 2

4 p.m.—

Shick 3/3 basketball tournament, Young Gymnasium

5:30 p.m.—

Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball at Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo.

7 p.m.—

Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

7:30 p.m.—

Missouri Southern Lion basketball at Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo.

9 p.m.—

On-Campus Bible Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 28

Noon—

Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313

2:15 p.m.—

Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311

2:20 p.m.—

College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—

Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 29

Noon—

Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123

5:30 p.m.—

Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.

7:30 p.m.—

Missouri Southern Lion basketball at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.

Attention

Do you have an announcement pertaining to a campus organization? If so, please contact Ginny at 625-9311.



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Coming Attractions

On Campus



Art League

■ Through Jan. 31 —
"The Look of
Everyday Things"
exhibit on display in
Spiva Art Gallery.

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM
Nov. 14—Senior Piano
Recital - Karen Cameron
Nov. 19—Senior Voice
Recital - Abel Stewart
Nov. 21—Senior Voice
Recital - Rebecca Richmond
Nov. 24—Joplin Piano
Teachers - Student Recital
Dec. 5—Senior Clarinet
Recital - Amy Steinkuehler
Dec. 8—Suzuki Recital
Dec. 15—Joplin Piano
Teachers - Student Recital

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM
Jan. 29-Feb. 1—*One Flew
Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
March 1-2—*Aesop's Fables*

Joplin



Concert

■ Mark Chestnutt
performs at
Memorial Hall on
February 1.

CHAMPS
782-4944
Jan. 24—Rhythm Station
Jan. 31—Raising Kane

THE BYPASS
624-9095
Jan. 24—Missionaries
Jan. 29—Storyville
Jan. 31—King Friday

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
623-0183
Jan. 17-Mar. 2—Photo Spiva
Mar. 14-Apr. 27—Spiva Annual

JAVA HOUSE
659-8500
Jan. 23—Flick

MEMORIAL HALL
623-3254
Feb. 1—Mark Chestnutt
Mar. 1—All For One

Kansas City

KEMPER ARENA
Jan. 31—Metallica
Memorial Hall
Feb. 7—Merilyn Manson

Carthage

STONE'S THROW THEATRE
Feb. 7-9, 13-15—*Dial "M" for
Murder*

SOUTHERN THEATRE

'Cuckoo's Nest' strays from film version

Play offers poignant
view of life's actions
in mental institution

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

Southern Theatre's latest production, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, offers viewers a humorous and poignant look inside a mental institution.

Directed by Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department, the show promises a view of society as a whole through the eyes of the patients.

"It's a popular show," Fields said. "Young people like this show because it's about defeating the system."

The show revolves around one of the patients, Randle F. McMurphy, played by senior theatre major Brandon Davidson, and the domineering Nurse Ratchet, played by senior theatre major Autumn Ross.

Ratchet wants to run the institution like a well-oiled machine, but McMurphy upsets the careful balance she tries to establish.

The two use the other patients as pawns in the game.

"There's a major study about *Cuckoo's Nest* being a contemporary look at Jesus Christ coming to die for the people," Fields said. "We didn't go with that theme, but it definitely is there."

Fields described the show as "nothing but fun," citing the cast as a "blessing." He said two of the cast members particularly were doing amazing things.

"We have two actors, Ryan Waggoner and Kristopher Graves, who are not even theatre majors and have agreed to shave their heads bald for this production," he said.

Junior theatre major Rebecca Braden studied two films in preparation for the role of Candy Starr.

"I've never been a prostitute before," she said. "I myself am not a really 'dirty' person, but [watch-

ing the films] helped me to relax."

Braden said she has had fun during rehearsals of this show, especially the "sub-text rehearsals," where the cast gets to say what each character is thinking in addition to their lines.

"Some of it is hilarious," she said. "It's a bunch of psychos saying what's on their minds."

Debbie Burbidge, senior theatre major and stage manager, has enjoyed rehearsal time with the cast as well.

"With a cast of 20... it's been fun," she said.

"The enthusiasm is contagious. The audience will love it."

There will be five performances in Taylor Auditorium, Jan. 29 through Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m., with an extra matinee at 2 p.m. on Feb. 1.

Tickets are \$3 general admission and \$1 for senior citizens and high school students.

Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff are admitted free with an ID. □



Brandon Davidson, senior theatre major, and Autumn Ross, senior theatre major, star in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

STONE'S THROW THEATRE

Affair leads to murder, comedy

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Murder mixed with unexpected twists prevail in Frederick Knott's *Dial "M" for Murder*. The three-act thriller runs Feb. 6-8 and Feb. 13-15 at Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre in Carthage.

Dial "M" for Murder is about a jealous husband's plot to murder his unfaithful wife, Margot. When the plot does not go as Tony (the husband) had planned, Max, the man Margot was having an affair with, is left to figure everything out.

Scott Campbell, Carthage, is directing the performance.

A self-proclaimed "anti-director," Campbell said this show is like "a dry martini, with a pink umbrella in it. It's like Tom Jones. It's entertaining because it's overdone. It's realistic, and it's not."

The production is a mystery thriller with comedic overtones.

"I am doing the script faithfully — lines, script, blocking, and so on," Campbell said. "But through interpretive techniques, we are creating 'brain candy' or 'theatrical junk food.'"

There are five on-stage characters and off-stage voices.

Jeremy Carnagey, Carthage,



Rich Lillard (left) and Sonja Kew-Johnson rehearse a scene from *Dial "M" for Murder*, to be performed at Stone's Throw Theatre.

plays Tony Wendice, the jealous husband. Sonja Kew-Johnson, Carthage, is Margot Wendice, Tony's wife. Brian Palmer, Webb City, plays Max Halliday, the "other man." Keith Gregory, Diamond, portrays Captain Lesgate, the murderer. Curt Campbell, Carthage, plays Detective Hubbard.

"I just want patrons to be easy about this show," Campbell said.

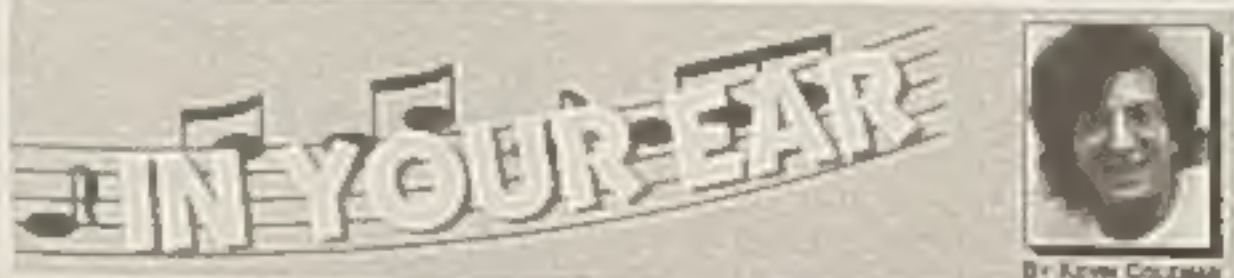
"Just sit back and be entertained. Too much theatre is puffery. A lot of pretentiousness and artsy quackery encouraged by academic and professional theatre and the film industry. I don't

like that. It's not honest."

"This is one of the strongest shows I have ever been involved in," said Palmer, freshman communications major at Missouri Southern.

"We have all your favorite clichés on stage at one time, for what we can hope is the last time. Like a cartoon, say like 'Roger Rabbit' running amuck," Carnagey said.

Seating is limited to 420 for this production. Prepaid reservations are required. The box office phone number is (417) 358-9665. The office is open weekdays 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. □



Victros rock ByPass

High energy rock-n-roll supplied the heat for the crowd at the ByPass when the Victros performed Friday night.

Temperatures of 10 degrees and below outside were forgotten when the sizzling three-man band from Joplin began playing its rockabilly style music for the audience that packed the bar.

A Victros show has to be seen to be appreciated. These guys can't stand still on stage.

The band's guitarist, Derrel Buzzard, and bass player, Blake Webster, a senior psychology major at Missouri Southern, are doing the splits, climbing on speakers, switching sides of the stage, and moving all over the place while they play some of the rockiest music I've ever heard.

During an instrumental performance of Del Shannon's classic 1960s hit "Runaway," Webster couldn't seem to help mouthing the words to the song. He didn't sing into the microphone but he was letting the audience know that it was all right if they wanted to sing.

The Victros do play a few cover songs during their show, but they

also have several of their own compositions. They don't depend on lyrics to entertain their audience, but, rather, they like to play straight-ahead, red-hot, rock-n-roll instrumentals. Still, they do sing a few blues numbers.

Their dress, much like their music, gives you the impression that you're watching a concert straight out of the early '60s. Webster's engineer boots and Buzzard's jacket and loosened tie, plus their greased-back hair, reminded me of Bill Haley, Buddy Holly, or Elvis Costello.

Webster says one of their biggest influences was the Springfield band, The Bel-Aires.

This show was the first time all three members of the band had performed recently. Their drummer, Conrad Webster, just returned from Colorado. He is the brother of Blake Webster. Unfortunately, there is no way to hear the Victros music other than seeing their live performance, but Buzzard said they are, after nine years, ready to start recording their first CD.

Fortunately, the Victros put on a show that is well worth the cover charge of the local clubs they play in. □

SPIVA ART GALLERY

Student exhibit focuses on design of 'everyday' objects

'Everyday Things'
on display through
end of January

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Webster's Dictionary says that art is "designed for decorative purposes or to produce a decorative effect." But on display at Missouri Southern's Spiva Art Gallery is proof that art can be anything.

The unusual exhibit, entitled "The Look of Everyday Things," opened Jan. 13 and continues until Jan. 31.

"The items on view demonstrate how everyday objects are often examples of extraordinary design," said Val Christensen, assistant pro-

fessor of art and coordinator of the Spiva Art Gallery.

The exhibit was assigned to students in an Art History class last fall.

The students were required to find an item that they thought had design qualities and research it.

He says that the students had to engage themselves in finding ordinary objects and then pondering about the different aspects of the design.

Idalie Jansson, a senior graphic design major, considered the project a great experience.

"In other classes you are watching and learning from the teacher," she said.

"This way you had to get more involved. You have to think for yourself and ask why did they do it this way."

You can't just look it up in a book."

The objects range from a razor blade dating from the late 1800's, a pair of roller blades, a 1939 New York World's Fair brochure, to a copy of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch whose front page proclaimed the 1912 Titanic disaster.

The students were required to write a text that informed the reader of certain aspects of the chosen piece for instance; their interpretation, the design significance, the historical significance of a certain style.

"When you do it [design] yourself, you know what you are thinking and where the inspiration comes from," Jansson said.

"With other artists, you just see the finished product."

You don't have to try and figure out what the artist was thinking."

Jansson believes you learn more this way when you have to do everything yourself.

Christensen said it was hard to communicate to the students that there was free rein on this project to research anything that they considered design.

The only specification was that the item had to date from 1851 to the present.

He wanted this project to find some valuable pieces.

"I had hoped that this assignment would discover some real gold," he said.

"We have a half a dozen articles parallel to those you find in art history books."

This "gold" is not monetarily valuable necessarily but aesthetically and artistically valuable.

Christensen says that he wanted his students to understand that design has an impact on their daily lives.

"These are objects that have affected the course of design, they

have broken ground, they have set standards for design, and have become classical items," he said.

The students involved in this exhibit are: Marci LePage, Anderson; Bernadette DuBois, Affton, Okla.; Clay Hagebusch, Carl Junction; Nancy Darnell, Sarah Hall, Alison Hutchison, Sean Shuster, all of Carthage; Brian J. Butler, Cynthia Duckworth, Jean Schroter, Stacy Winkler, Ronald Wroczynski, all of Joplin; Ryan Lauderdale, Goodman; Barbara Stillbower, Lamar; Mark Schmidt, Angela Tate, both of Monett; Terese Mlakar, Karlstad, Sweden; Idalie Jansson, Koping, Sweden; Skyla Fiorentino, Sarcoxie; Gary Crim, Washburn; Sean Fitzgibbon, Webb City.

The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Football tournament to be held Feb. 1

The 1997 Four-State Football Challenge 3-on-3, all-passing, flag football tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1. The tournament gives armchair quarterbacks and recreational athletes alike the opportunity to participate in classic "backyard football."

The playing area will be 50-yard by 20-yard fields, and the first team to reach 22 points wins. The game will be played all-passing, however the quarterback will have to release the ball within a five-second time limit.

Teams are allowed a four-man roster with a team entry fee of \$45. Plaques and embossed jackets will be awarded to top finishers.

For more information, persons may call 918-479-6152. □

Transportation program ready for public review

The Missouri Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a total listing of a variety of transportation improvements planned by state and regional transportation planning agencies for fiscal years 1997 to 1999, is available for public review.

The program includes the department's Short-Term Action Plan projects for highways, improvements for aviation, rail, waterways, and transit.

The program also includes references to transportation improvements for the six metropolitan planning organizations located in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia, Joplin, St. Joseph. The STIP was prepared from public input gathered through a variety of sources including meetings, letters, and surveys. Department planners want public comments on the STIP's readability and usefulness. Comments on individual projects should be directed to the agency responsible for the project.

Copies of the STIP are available for public review at the department's district offices in St. Joseph, Macon, Hannibal, Kansas City, Chesterfield, Joplin, Springfield, Willow Springs, Sikeston and the central support center in Jefferson City. Individual project lists will be available at the district in which the community is located.

Following 30-day public review, the final document will be available at the department's district offices. People wanting more information should contact John Miller in the central support center's Office of Transportation Program Management at (573) 751-7413. □

St. John's to sponsor 1997 Heart Fair Saturday

St. John's Regional Health Center will be sponsoring the 1997 Heart Fair on Saturday. The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hammons Trade Center, located at I-44 and Range line in Joplin.

The fair will feature, among other attractions, personal screenings to determine a participant's risk for heart disease, heart-healthy seminars in which nationally-known doctors will team up with local physicians to provide detailed information on specific topics, and booths allowing public interaction with St. John's staff to discuss a variety of health and wellness topics. All of St. John's departments related to heart care will be represented, from nutrition and exercise to rehabilitation and home health.

The Heart Fair will also provide a children's education area where kids can learn about health and wellness in a positive environment. All activities are free to the public and will feature door prizes with free T-shirts awarded to the first 2,500 Heart Fair participants.

For more information, persons may contact St. John's Regional Health Services Information Line at 625-2000. □

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

Donation decline sparks emergency

"Blood is available only when donors give in advance of the need. Calling for donations after the need is too late."

Gene Waite
Director,
Community Blood
Center of the Ozarks

Blood drive interest rises as community supplies run dry

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Consider a plasma donation a personal gift of life. The Joplin community urgently needs blood donations, especially O+.

"Sixteen to 20 percent of the blood supply is supplied by high school and college students," said Gene Waite, director of Community Blood Center of the Ozarks in Springfield.

"The demand for O+ increases from mid-December to the end of

January for several reasons. High schools and colleges are out for the holidays, and the weather is bad. Students don't get out and donate as frequently.

The severe weather and the increased accidents result in a shortage.

Blood is available only when donors give in advance of the need. Calling for donations after the need is too late."

"A unit of blood saves or enhances three lives," Waite said.

Prior to distribution, every unit undergoes AIDS, hepatitis, and syphilis testing in Kansas City. Eighteen to 24 hours after drawing the blood, the unit receives an overall enzyme screening to assess the blood's general condition. A written health history flags a

donor's known hepatitis exposures.

The complete blood donation procedure takes 45 minutes to one hour. No appointment is necessary.

The donation hours for the Joplin office are Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday. The Joplin center is located at 2639 E. 32nd St. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds.

"The blood drawing procedure is completely sterile," said Brenda Myers, a registered nurse with the Joplin center.

"Each attempted needle stick requires a new sterile set-up. Protective gloves are changed between donors. Our patient area is well scrubbed."

Following the blood donation,

Meyers says donors are provided with refreshments and wait 10 to 15 minutes before being allowed to leave.

Adverse reactions are rare. Incentive pins are given for donors when their donations total one gallon, with additional pins for more than two, three, or four gallons.

"Individuals may donate every 66 days and we strongly encourage everyone to share the gift of life," Meyers said.

Waite and Meyers agree donors claim to feel physically better.

"Drawing a unit of blood off the body increases the donor's overall feeling of physical good health," Waite said.

The good feeling is partially attributed to donors giving back to the local community. □

SCHOOL CLOSINGS



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Greg Jewell, 14, takes advantage of the cold temperatures and wintery environment for some sledding activity Saturday as his friends John Russel, 14, (left), Greg McGinnis, 15, and Craig Cusick, 15, watch.

Weather shuts doors for 3 days

School cancellation causes aggravation among students

By AARON DESLATTÉ
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Local school-goers received a late Christmas present last Wednesday when substantial snowfall and dangerous wind-chills forced area schools to close for the rest of the week.

However, it's a gift they will have to return at the end of the school year.

The Joplin R-8 District had three allotted snow days in its calendar year, and with the most recent cancellations the school system is now two over the limit.

Area students will have to make up the days in June, and some are not thrilled about it.

"(Friday), the roads were clear enough to travel on," said Matthew Huckelbery, a sophomore at Joplin High School.

"I like to have as much summer as possible."

School officials defended their decision to cancel on Friday, citing several factors taken into consideration.

"Normally, the reason we cancel school is simple: Can you run buses or can you not?" said

Vernon Hudson, superintendent of the Joplin R-8 School District.

"If we feel we cannot run buses safely, we do not have school."

"We knew for sure that the buses would be running slow (due to icy road conditions), and the anticipation was that the temperature would be very low," he said.

"We were looking at a 20- to 30-minute wait for students at bus stops. If we can avoid that, we feel we should."

"Then we had an additional problem in that the buses had not run since Tuesday morning, and we would potentially have a problem getting them started."

Approximately 2,000 students ride buses to school in the Joplin R-8 District, and school officials said the danger of wind-chills was the determining factor in the decision.

Missouri Southern was also forced to cancel classes Wednesday, Jan. 15, when icy roads created treacherous traveling conditions.

"I don't know of a school system close to us that did have school, so they were experiencing the same factors as us," said Jack Bradley, assistant supervisor of buildings, grounds, and transportation.

"You always want to err on the side of safety." □

JOPLIN RADIO

Country KAT turns dial to Magic 93.9

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

New sound waves are coming through the air since the country station KIX has taken over KAT's old spot at 102.5.

Chuck Dunaway, owner/general manager of Big Mack Broadcasting, called the double-up of country stations an "overkill" and decided to cut the number down to one, since both stations were playing the same music anyway.

"We thought we could better serve the population," he said.

Dunaway said he could "reflect the entire population of Joplin" by having four distinct radio stations, and the Magic emerged in the KAT's absence.

The new station is designed to target an audience overlooked by Big Mack Broadcasting's three other stations, KSYN, KIXQ (KIX), and KKDG (Big Dog).

KSYN is directed mainly toward listeners 18- to 24-years-old; KIX draws an audience of men 18-years-old and up; and Big Dog Classic Rock — Dunaway's personal favorite — appeals mostly to men 25 and up.

This left room for the Magic to fill in the gap for programming appealing to a 24- to 54-year-old female audience.

"Magic is going to fill a format that people haven't had before," said Jimmy Jay, program manager for the Magic.

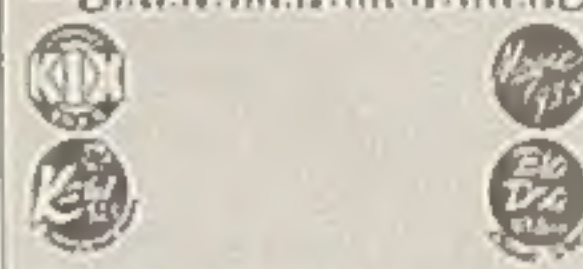
Jay selects an adult contemporary music menu for the Magic.

"A lot of research goes into what the target audience wants to hear," he said.

"You want to sound like them. You want to be able to relate to your audience."

Chris Hayes, mid-day disc jockey for the Magic, said the station played "fun music" and even the disc jockeys from the other radio stations, all located in the same hallway, liked joining him for a disco dance during a 70s song.

Big Mack Broadcasting



A quick look at Magic 93.9:

Target Audience:

24- to 54-year-old females

Format: Adult contemporary

Ratings:

Along with its sister stations

Big Mack Broadcasting is

capturing 48.6 percent of

the listening audience

Owner: Chuck Dunaway

With its new, wider scope, Big Mack Broadcasting hopes to continue its grip on the top four spots among the 16 radio stations in the Joplin area.

The most recent Arbitron rating, a service that monitors the radio ratings, showed the four Big Mack stations capturing 48.6 percent of the listening audience in Joplin.

Big Mack Broadcasting, headed by Dunaway, came to Joplin three years ago and bought the Country KAT, then later acquired KISSIN' KSYN, the Big Dog Classic Rock, and KIX.

Now after investing half a million dollars in the property over the last six months, it is the only Joplin station to be digital, and everything — including the commercials and music — is of compact disc quality.

Jay said before Big Mack Broadcasting came to town, "Joplin has been for a long time kind of mediocre radio."

Big Mack will know if its venture with the new station is successful in March, when the next reviews come out.

"Trying to be on top of people's tastes that are ever-changing — that's the fun part of it," Dunaway said. □

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STATE OF THE STATE

Budget leaves Southern wanting more

Carnahan allocates large sum to prisons

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Prisoners seemed to rate higher than Missouri college students as the governor's budget proposal made accommodating criminals a priority over higher education capital improvements, leaving Missouri Southern empty-handed.

Southern made four capital improvement requests to fund an addition onto the Spiva Library, renovate the Ummel Tech building, rebuild the Barn Theatre, and replace a chiller at Taylor Hall.

When Gov. Mel Carnahan presented his proposed budget Wednesday before the annual address, his recommendation was that the College receive none of the above.

"The governor recommends zero dollars for all colleges except two projects in the state," said College President Julio Leon. "Instead,

\$150 million is being used in building prisons."

Truman State University and Harris-Stowe State College will jointly receive more than \$11.6 million for capital improvements.

The \$17,327,640 requested originally by Southern had already been reduced to \$6,555,000 by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education before Carnahan announced his proposal for no funding.

"The legislature will have the opportunity to have their say before anything is approved," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). "It's not going to be over until the fat lady sings."

The governor's proposal also recommended partial funding for the second year of enhancement for Southern's international mission. The CBHE recommended Southern receive \$796,697. Southwest Missouri State University and Missouri Western were also asking for second-year funding for projects.

All three CBHE recommendations totaled \$4,542,947.

Carnahan's budget proposal called for \$3,029,881 to be split by all three schools.

Leon said Carnahan's cuts dwindled the CBHE's recommendation down to around 66.7 percent of what the three colleges were asking for.

He also said Southern would likely get 66.7 percent of what the College was asking for.

"On the operating side, new funding, we received 2 percent more than last year," Leon said. "That is barely enough to cover inflation."

The CBHE had requested \$19,594,559 for operating revenue while the governor recommends only \$18,250,116 be allocated. Funds appropriated for 1997 total \$17,076,426.

"Even though the economy is doing well and there are surplus revenues," Leon said, "the state is prevented from spending the money on education."

Leon is referring to excess funds of almost \$230 million which constitutionally cannot be spent. The governor plans to return monies to the taxpayers of Missouri by delet-

Left empty-handed

Missouri Southern may receive considerably less capital-improvement funds than anticipated.



ing the sales tax on food.

"We will completely eliminate the 3 percent sales tax on food," Carnahan said. "Everyone must put food on the table."

Crime was another issue Carnahan addressed during his speech. He touted training requirements for police officers and noted the necessity to build two more prisons and expand others in the state.

"You have to keep criminals off the street," Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) said. "When you pass the 'three strikes and you're out' law,

you'll have more people in prison. That is what the people wanted."

The state is facing such a crisis for prisoner housing that nearly 1,000 Missouri convicts are being incarcerated in Texas.

Carnahan also stated the large responsibility of being the last governor of this century and the first governor of the next. He presented several areas of change in his speech to the crowded House chambers.

Citing an example of a welfare reform success story, the governor described how Missouri has had 24 straight months of welfare reductions. Since Carnahan has taken office, there are 48,000 fewer people on welfare in the state, he said.

While the speech also addressed childhood immunizations, education, tax credits for two years of education beyond high school, school bus safety, literacy, and the importance of computers in today's society, the day left Missouri Southern looking for more.

"The bright side is," Surface said, "the only place we can go from here is up." □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Singleton presents three crime bills to committee

Crime was the word of the day as Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) presented three of his bills to committee Wednesday.

Leaving the scene of a shooting without notifying law enforcement official will become a crime if Senate Bill (SB) 32 is passed.

Joplin police officer Frank Lundien was in the capitol to testify on behalf of SB 75, a bill making evading a police officer at least a Class A misdemeanor and up to a Class C felony.

"We will be making them accountable for endangering public safety," Lundien said.

That same bill states that a person who attempts to take a weapon from a law enforcement officer by force is committing assault of an officer.

"They teach you in training that every time you go to a confrontation, at least one gun will be involved," Lundien said.

The third bill presented Wednesday concerns the crime of hazing as related to criminal street gangs. The Carthage Police Department sent three officers to testify for the bill.

Officer Kevin Mitchell put the bill in writing and presented it to Singleton, who in turn filed it with the Senate.

There are four identified gangs in Carthage, and while they are not known for their violent crimes, there have been several reported injuries, such as permanent retina damage and branding with coal hangers due to the hazing process. □

Feb. 1 deadline for pay increases looms near

A pay raise for members of the state legislature and judges has been proposed, and for it to become reality all the Senate has to do is... nothing.

"The likelihood of the salary increase being put into place by inaction of the legislature is growing each day," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). "The chances of the Senate voting to decline the pay increases prior to the Feb. 1 deadline dwindle as each day passes."

Currently, state lawmakers are paid \$26,800 per year and receive \$35 per day for expenses. The proposal by the salary commission raises the salary 31 percent to \$35,000. □

Terminally ill patients receive Wilson's help

Terminally ill patients who want the opportunity to cash in their life insurance policies and receive an immediate tax-exempted settlement may soon be able to do so with help from Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, who favors efforts to license companies that assist in the process.

"Many Missourians face a desperate situation when they must give up their jobs to fight a terminal illness," Wilson said. "There are things Missouri can do to help ensure a financially safer and smoother process of cashing a life insurance policy early."

Vitality settlements, as they are called, typically grant a policyholder anywhere from 40 to 80 percent of the cash value of a life insurance policy.

The federal government passed a law last year that exempts such immediate cash settlements from federal taxes, provided the viator has a life expectancy of 24 months or less, and the vitality company is licensed in the state the viator resides.

"Families don't start out planning to have terminal illnesses," Wilson said. "When a family member becomes terminally ill, the impact is devastating emotionally. Too often, there's a devastating financial impact too. Such a law would add security for the family, plus the extra boost of a tax exemption for the cash settlement." □

INAUGURATION



Because of frigid arctic air, Missouri's inaugural ceremonies were moved indoors for first time in 36 years. Gov. Mel Carnahan's second Inaugural address focused on many issues he touched on in his first.

Weather relocates ceremony

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tradition came to a freezing halt last week, when the Missouri inauguration ceremonies were held inside the capitol building for the first time in 36 years.

Gov. Mel Carnahan made the decision to move the event indoors four days earlier due to frigid temperatures in the forecast.

"It's probably one of the best decisions this governor has ever made," joked Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

While the extreme cold moved the ceremonies inside the doors of the capitol building and canceled a scheduled parade through town, not everyone was let in from the cold.

"I really didn't mind the cold because it has been fun," said Spc. Roger L. Loughridge, a member of the 128th Field Artillery Battalion in Columbia.

The unit was responsible for setting off a 19-gun salute on the capitol's lawn upon the swearing in of the governor.

The move indoors caused many last-minute changes, including cutting the reserved seating from 2,800 seats to the 2,200 available inside the capitol.

Under the direction of the governor's wife, Jean,

the Missouri National Guard had been planning the event since mid-summer, according to the guard.

"We were all happy about it being moved indoors," said Sgt. Annette Tomczak, a member of the headquarters unit in Jefferson City, "even though we had to change the entire seating arrangement."

The program began with the governor and his wife being escorted down the curving staircase by the legislative inaugural committees.

"I was honored to be a part of the inaugural committee," Singleton said. "I was one of only five Republicans."

The rest of the ceremony was carried on as planned including a special delegation of Missouri students from the class of 2000.

The students' presence on the rotunda staircase throughout the event emphasized the governor's words as he pledged his first goal during his second term to be education in Missouri schools.

"I'm encouraged to see that holds many of the same beliefs I do," Singleton said. "But if we have a problem philosophically, I won't hesitate to speak up."

With all the last-minute changes due to the weather conditions, things went rather smoothly, according to Col. George D. Shull, operations officer for the ceremony.

"In my opinion, it was nicer to have it indoors, because our capitol building is so beautiful," he said. □

SENATE

Melton retires seat, Childers takes post

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Back in 1972, when the student body president of the School of the Ozarks was approached to help with the campaign of Emory Melton for state senator, he never dreamed he would one day fill those shoes.

"I got involved in his campaign through one of his boys," remembers newly elected Sen. Doyle Childers (R-Reeds Spring). "That's how I first got interested in politics."

The District 11 Senate seat, which covers the counties of Barry, Christian, Douglas, Howell, Ozark, Stone, and Taney, has been filled for the past 24 years by Emory Melton of Cassville.

"I've had interest in the position for a long time, probably 10 or 12 years," Childers explains. "I told Emory that I had no plans to ever run against him, but when he was done I was interested in the seat."

Childers served as a state representative for District 141, including Stone, Barry, and Taney Counties from 1992 until he switched over to the Senate this year.

"I have known for years that I wanted to run," Melton says. "I think he is a nice fellow and a good man."

During his stay in the Senate, Melton became part of several important committees, including appropriations and state budget control, and he has seen many people come and go from the halls of the State Capitol.

"My best times were when I was surrounded by Richard Webster, Paul Bradshaw, and John T. Russell," remembers Melton. "Now Russell is the only one left."



Childers

With all his contacts and connections, not to mention his favor with his constituents, Melton will be a tough act to follow, according to Childers.

"It is really hard to follow someone who has done such an outstanding job," Childers says. "I really hoped he would stay for one more term."

Childers says many of his values come from his upbringing and schooling. He was in his teens before his family had electricity and spent his days either in a one-room country school or helping his family do the farming with horses. He also spent several years in Central America with the U.S. Peace Corps.

"It really helped me understand what underdeveloped means," Childers says. "I also think the School of the Ozarks helped instill ethics in me."

He will be taking his background and putting it to work in the Senate with education and community development activities being among his concerns.

Childers believes an emphasis should be placed on community and technical colleges, stating that there is no reason for someone to go to school for four years when they can learn the information in two.

But he doesn't want to be too focused on just certain issues.

"I try to be a generalist," Childers says, "and know something about most issues."

He says most people consider him a conservative, but on some issues he will appear to be moderate for a Republican.

But he is ready to get started and hasn't yet noticed a great difference between being a representative and a senator, besides the size of the district.

"It'll take a while for him to get acclimated," Melton advises. "And he'll get sized up by the other 33 senators, but he'll do well." □

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Candidates begin filing to fill 2 vacant legislative seats

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Missouri House of Representatives has two seats up for grabs in special elections due to be held in March and April.

One seat was left vacant when Rep. Jim Sears (D-Memphis) died in a car accident the day after Thanksgiving. He represented District 1, which encompasses Clark, Scotland, Schutler, Knox, and Lewis counties.

"Jim was a truly remarkable individual," said Karl DeMarce, Democratic nominee for

the position. "He was also a close, personal friend."

The second seat opened up when Rep. Donald Prost (D-Caruthersville) resigned his position in District 162, Dunklin, New Madrid and Pemiscot counties, to become the director of legislative research.

When a vacancy occurs, the governor orders a writ of election and an election must be held within 10 weeks of the announcement. One candidate from each party is chosen by the local legislative committees, according to Grebing.

Low voter turnout is typical of special elections because they are often the only item on

the ballot. This fact can often affect the outcome of the polling, Grebing explained.

"The candidate that wins is often the candidate that can get voters to the polls," he said. "That's where you can have a party switch."

Right now the Republicans hold 75 seats and the Democrats have 86 members. The two open seats could narrow the gap.

"Both open seats are in strong Democratic territory," said Rep. Larry Thomason (D-Kennett), whose district borders on the vacant 162nd District. "I feel confident that we will keep the seats."

Rep. Don Summers (R-Unionville), District 2, himself was put into office by special elec-

tion, replacing a Democratic representative. He believes that his win had little to do with it being a special election; rather, he credits it to a strong earlier campaign in which he lost to the incumbent.

While the nominees have not been submitted for the District 162 election to be held on April 1, the deadline for filing is in late February.

The election for the District 1 seat will be held on March 1, with DeMarce representing the Democratic party and David Lomax, Ewing, being the Republican nominee.

"I think it is important we try to give voters a choice," Summers said. "It makes for better government." □

BUTKIEVICH: Let go after 15 years

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"The College treated me very well; this was all done by AmeriServe," he said. "There were more people involved, but I'm the only one getting accused."

Butkievich said AmeriServe did not disclose to him the amount of money that was allegedly missing. He stressed the fact that he had nothing to do with the missing cash, claiming the whole scenario was a trumped-up plot to save AmeriServe money.

"I made \$59,000 a year. I had a good car," he said. "Why would I need to steal money?"

"I think they couldn't afford me because they could get someone else to come in and do the job for \$30,000, so they must have come up with some excuse to get rid of me."

Lensmeyer would not comment on the reason for Butkievich's dismissal.

To date, Butkievich has not been arrested by Joplin police. He has hired an attorney, but claimed no knowledge that charges had been filed.

If Butkievich is found guilty, he could be facing two to seven years

in the Department of Corrections, one year in the county jail, or a \$5,000 fine, according to Lt. Jim Hounsshell of the Joplin Police Department.

Butkievich said AmeriServe was deceptive to students and faculty about his dismissal.

"They told the students that I was on vacation," he said.

Butkievich, 53, obtained an associate degree in occupational studies from the Culinary Institute of Professional Chefs at Hyde Park, N.Y., in 1967. He joined American Food Management, which brought him to the campus in 1981.

Butkievich said he is currently unemployed, which has caused a hardship on his family. Although he has no plans at the moment, he said he is looking into starting his own restaurant.

AmeriServe has named Bob Buckley, former assistant manager under Butkievich, as Butkievich's replacement. According to Buckley, the transition in the food service operation has gone smoothly.

"We have a great staff here, and everything is going on [as normal]," he said. "We are going to gradually make some changes, hopefully for the best." □

TIGHT WORKING QUARTERS



A bookstore employee finds some space to complete her daily duties in the storage area of the campus bookstore. Tight working quarters and long student lines are a few complaints. (See related story, page 3)

COLD: Wind chill, icy roads examples of poor conditions

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really discriminates against students who commute from outside of Joplin."

But on-campus students, who don't have to drive to class, face different hazards from the weather. Farra Niehoff, a sophomore dental hygiene major, said, "I have to walk a long ways from my apartment to class even when it's nice out, but when it's icy, it feels like miles. Yes, I want a shuttle!"

Niehoff also said that even short distances between classes can be dangerous when the sidewalks are ice- and snow-covered.

"I know one girl who fell on Thursday walking to class and is on crutches now," she said. "If she hadn't had to go to class, she wouldn't have been injured."

But David Cook, freshman pre-engineering major, disagrees.

"People are going to complain endlessly if they have to go to class in bad weather, but if school is can-

celled, you know they'll all be out around town having fun," he said. Cook, who lives about 10 miles west of Joplin, said he doesn't mind inclement weather all that much.

"I enjoy it," he said. "I like to get out in my truck and just play around and have fun. Of course, it's more fun if I'm not on my way to class."

MaryAnn Hayes, a sophomore nursing major, lives on campus and thinks Southern should close if other area schools do.

"There are more commuter students than on-campus students here, and if it's too dangerous for school bus drivers, who get paid to drive to and from schools every day, to be out, why should Southern commuters who live and drive on the same roads have to risk coming to class?" Hayes asked. "Once high school students get to school, their classes are all inside, but we have to walk from building to building here, so it would be safer if we didn't have to

be out in dangerous weather."

Most students agree, however, that there's not a whole lot they can do but keep piling on more clothes — and drinking more of the hot beverage of their choice. Brook Drumm, a graduate of Ozark Christian College and co-owner of the Java House, noted that cold weather doesn't seem to have an adverse effect on business. In fact, it's usually the opposite.

"It seems like the colder and nastier it gets outside, the busier we are in here," he said.

"It makes it hard to get up and get over to work some days, but there always seems to be plenty of people out and about who like to stop in and warm up with a cup of coffee."

Fortunately, this kind of weather isn't commonplace to Southern students and other Joplin area residents. Angelique Francis, a freshman undeclared major, said, "At least we don't have to put up with this kind of thing very often." □

REGENTS: Parking lighting in works

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The new courses were put together by the faculty and reflect the College's focus on the international mission. The new classes include Advanced Intercultural Communications, Conversation and Composition in Russian,

Spanish for Nursing and Health Professionals, World Cinema, Introductory Japanese, Spanish for Business, Film in Soviet and Russian History, Spanish for Humanities, Russian for Business, Introductory Chinese, Introduction to Professional Translating, and several others. □

SLEDDING: Not on campus grounds

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Boyer said if students who are asked to leave the grounds do not cooperate with campus security, certain consequences will be enforced.

"If they start to become a nuisance, we will then finally have to tell them that they are trespassing and file a trespassing charge

on them if they refuse to follow instructions," he said.

"But we have had very little trouble in the past, because people usually understand."

Because this past snow storm caught the security office by surprise, Boyer said there were no signs posted prohibiting sledding. □

STUDENT SENATE

Clubs petition funding

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

During Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting, both Southern Concepts and the National Broadcasting Society petitioned funding for trips.

Student Senate's budget has not been updated in the business office since Dec. 6, but Josh Phillips, the Senate's treasurer, has kept up on the finances. His records show the Senate as having a balance of \$3,950. The Model United Nations Club returned \$1,000 it did not use. Officially, the Senate's funds are \$4,950.

The planned Spiva Library addition was on the top of the agenda. Dr. Joy Dworkin, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Mark Comstock, assistant professor of business, are to be forming a committee to review students' opinions and desires for the library expansion.

However, earlier in the day in Jefferson City, Gov. Mel Carnahan released his budget proposal and the recommendations within did not include funding for library improvements. Carnahan's recommendations are not the final word on budgeting because the Senate and House both have to pass the proposed budget. Area Representatives and Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said they will fight to include additional appropriations for Southern.

The senators discussed forming a possible subcommittee to gather ideas from students to submit to Dworkin and Comstock.

This subcommittee is to be further discussed during the next meeting. □

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Scott sets tone with 1st-half 'D'

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing to Washburn University Saturday on a controversial last-second 3-pointer, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions attacked the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners (6-10 overall, 2-6 MIAA) with a vengeance Wednesday night.

In Saturday's game, Southern (8-7, 3-5) battled back from a first-half deficit to take the game into overtime before losing 73-72.

Nowhere was that vengeance more evident than in the play of Southern senior Marie Scott. Scott established her role as a force to be reckoned with early in the game with four first-half blocks.

Rounding out a stellar performance, Scott put up 19 points and collected nine rebounds in fueling Southern's 79-71 victory.

After trailing by as many as seven points early in the first half, the Lady Lions took the lead and never looked back. After ending the first half with a 41-35 lead, Southern played a near-perfect second half, never losing the lead.

The true story of this game was the Lady Lions' bench. Junior forward Shelly Oliver, celebrating her 21st birthday, came off the bench to score a career-high 19 points. Oliver was named the Freeman

UPCOMING
GAMES

Lady Lions vs. Jennies
When: 5:30 p.m. Jan. 27
Where: Central Missouri

Sports Medicine Most Valuable Player of the game, finishing with a team high nine rebounds.

The Washburn loss was almost averted when Southern senior Nicole Heinz looked to send the game into a second overtime with a last ditch 3-point shot.

The officials, however, ruled her foot was on the line, therefore negating the trey and leaving Southern with a one-point final deficit.

However, Southern had a second chance at the win. With 13 seconds left, a Washburn turnover gave the Lady Lions the ball. KaTonya Samuels brought the ball back down court and ended the game with a missed 3-pointer. □



Missouri Southern senior center Mandy Shaw pulls down a rebound in Saturday night's MIAA conference game against Washburn University at Young Gym. The Lady Blues captured a 73-72 victory in overtime.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ray nets 19 points in road loss

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Dropping their fourth game in their last five tries, the basketball Lions find themselves falling in the MIAA standings after a 3-0 conference start.

Missouri Southern (7-9 overall, 4-4 MIAA) lost 68-61 to Missouri-Rolla (11-7, 3-6) Wednesday night.

Southern led for most of the first half before Rolla came back with a 6-2 run in the closing minutes of the half. The Miners were up 33-21 at the break.

Lion head coach Robert Corn said his team missed opportunities given to it during those final minutes of the first half.

"Our guys made a lot of poor decisions during the stretch," he said. "We let them hit some 3s at the end of the first half. With a team like this, we have to minimize those kinds of spurts, especially like they had at the first half."

Rolla came out of the locker room and climbed to a 55-47 lead before the Lions came back to within three points with less than five minutes left in the game. Southern then committed six fouls allowing the Miners nine points from the stripe.

"We shot poorly for the game," Corn said. "It's hard to go on the road, no matter where you play at, and shoot 39 percent and expect to win the basketball game."

"I also felt a big key in the game was at the end of the first half. We were up 27-21, and then all of a sudden it's 33-29 in their favor." Senior Greg Ray led the Lions with 19 points.

Ray was three for three from 3-point range and eight of 11 from the field. He has scored 40 points for Southern in the last two games.

UPCOMING
GAMES

Lions vs. Mules
When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27
Where: Central Missouri

"I thought he has played back-to-back games extremely well," Corn said. "He is certainly coming out of that little slump he was in earlier." If he continues playing like that it's going to be a big force for us down the stretch."

Southern's takes the court again at 7:30 p.m. January 27 to take on Central Missouri. □



Sophomore center Matt Olson aims for a fade-away jumper in Saturday night's game against Washburn at Young Gymnasium.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

INDOOR SEASON

Southern track teams open season at Division I meet

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Lion runners may be lacking experience this year, but the track team hopes that hard work will pay off.

The first track meet was held last weekend at the University of Arkansas, with most of the teams coming from NCAA Division I

schools. Leading the Lions were Darelle Simmons in the 200-meter run and Jason Zurba in the 55-meter dash.

"We were really restricted in training behind other schools with the weather," Rutledge said. "Most of them have an indoor facility, but that's the way it works. We're not crying about it; we just have to deal with it."

The meet let Rutledge and his team know where they stand and what they have to do to improve.

"We had highlights, especially with the sprinters getting out of the blocks, but we faded out at the end, same thing with our distance runners," he said.

Lady Lion runners also competed at the Arkansas meet last weekend and, according to coach Patty

Vavra, the team's performance was better than she had expected and well ahead of last year's performance.

"The first meet is a good look at yourself after practicing for three months," she said. "It also gives you an idea of your conditioning, how much we need to work, and how much harder we need to practice."

The meet was the Lady Lions' first

indoor performance of the season.

"Most of our runners are either freshmen or sophomores and had never run an indoor race before," Vavra said.

She said the indoor race held an advantage for one runner.

"It really benefited Heather Hoyle because she gets out of the blocks real well and is a real good curve runner," she said. □

Southern Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

MIAA	MIAA Standings	MIAA	MIAA Stats
Through Jan. 21	(Conf, Overall)	Scoring	
1. Pittsburg State	7-1, 13-3	1. Turner, Orville, Sr., CMSU - 28.8	
2. Washburn	6-1, 11-6	2. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 28.4	
3. Emporia State	4-3, 9-6	3. Rivers, Antonio, Jr., CMSU - 19.6	
4. Missouri Southern	4-3, 7-8	4. Keeler, Eric, III, MWSC - 19.5	
5. Central Missouri	5-4, 13-4	Rebounding	
6. Missouri Western	3-4, 9-6	1. Harkess, Scott, So., ESU - 9.0	
7. Northwest Missouri	3-4, 6-9	Pinder, Ian, Jr., SBU - 9.0	
8. Southwest Baptist	2-4, 7-6	3. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 8.1	
9. Truman State	2-4, 6-8	3-point Percentage	
10. Missouri-Rolla	2-6, 10-6	1. Alford, Kelvin, Sr., NYMSU - 46.0	
11. Lincoln University	2-6, 4-12	2. Canfield, Jordan, Sr., WU - 44.8	
		3. Brooks, Aaron, Jr., MSSC - 44.6	

Women's Basketball

MIAA	MIAA Standings	MIAA	MIAA Stats
Through Jan. 21	(Conf, Overall)	Scoring	
1. Missouri Western	8-1, 12-3	1. Kausaite, Aneta, Jr., ESU - 21.9	
2. Southwest Baptist	8-1, 11-3	2. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC - 18.5	
3. Central Missouri	6-3, 11-5	3. Olberding, Nikki, Jr., WU - 18.1	
4. Pittsburg State	6-3, 12-4	4. Miller, Jenni, Sr., PSU - 17.6	
5. Emporia State	4-3, 11-4	Rebounding	
6. Washburn	4-3, 12-4	1. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC - 11.3	
7. Northwest Missouri	4-3, 8-7	2. Kausaite, Aneta, Jr., ESU - 8.7	
8. Missouri Southern	2-5, 7-7	3. Mann, Jenny, Sr., MWSC - 8.5	
9. Missouri-Rolla	2-5, 6-9	3-point Percentage	
10. Truman State	1-4, 5-8	1. Jackson, Stephanie, Fr., MWSC - 42.6	
11. Lincoln University	0-8, 4-11	2. Hays, Nicci, Jr., TSU - 39.8	
		3. Thurman, Stephanie, Sr., SBU - 39.0	

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

This Week

Saturday —
■ Missouri Southern track in the Arkansas Razorback Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.
Monday —
■ Lady Lions vs. Central Missouri, 5:30 p.m., at Warrensburg, Mo.
■ Lions vs. Central Missouri, 7:30 p.m., at Warrensburg, Mo.
Wednesday —
■ Lady Lions vs. Pittsburg State, 5:45 p.m. at Pittsburg, Kan.
■ Lions vs. Pittsburg State, 7:45 p.m. at Pittsburg, Kan.

Sports SCOPE

Can't we even buy a call at home

Home-court advantage — fact or fiction? The Lady Lions lost a close one Saturday night (73-72) on a controversial call in the closing seconds of overtime with the Washburn Lady Blues.

With fewer than 20 seconds left on the clock in overtime, senior guard Nicole Heinz put up what looked to be a game-tying shot. The Lady Lions' bench as well as the fans in the bleachers jumped to their feet thinking Southern had taken Washburn into a second overtime.

After a Lady Blue turnover, the Lady Lions brought the ball down the court. Their goal was to waste the final few seconds and get ready for the next five minutes. With three seconds left, junior guard KaTonya Samuels put the ball up from beyond the top of the key. The ball bounced off the back of the rim in the floor. The fans and team cheered as the Lady Lions readied themselves for double-overtime.

But the Lady Blues grabbed their belongings and headed for the locker room. Lady Lion assistant coach Eric Kaifles looked at the Washburn team in disbelief.

Washburn head coach Patty Dick, along with the officials, realized something no one else had — Heinz' shot was not scored as a three-point field goal. The officials said Heinz' foot was on the line, making the basket worth only two points — and thus ruling the Lady Lions had lost their fifth conference game.

Southern head coach Carrie Kaifles said while the call hurt the Lady Lions, there was another factor even more disappointing. One of the scoreboards was out of service.

As the Lady Lions brought the ball down the court one final time, they were forced to look behind them, at the far end of the court, to see how much time was left. When the Washburn defense began to close in, Samuels was unable to look behind her at the clock.

When she let her final shot fly from behind the three-point line, she was oblivious to the fact that there were still three seconds remaining.

We all should give the Lady Lions some credit. If you saw only the first half, you might wonder how or why the game even made it to overtime.

Earlier in the game, Southern appeared lazy and unmotivated against Washburn.

After intermission, the Lady Lions played better and even managed to seem excited about playing basketball. It looked like they wanted to win.

Maybe the faithful spectators were reminded of the vigor and desire for victory once displayed by former players Melissa Grider, Sandra Cunningham, and Sonya Harlin.

It seems to me what this team needed that night was a good, hard-fought victory. Emotions have been low lately, and losing because of a blown call and a malfunctioning scoreboard (which, by the way, is brand new) is not on my list of cures. Whatever happened to the home-court advantage? □

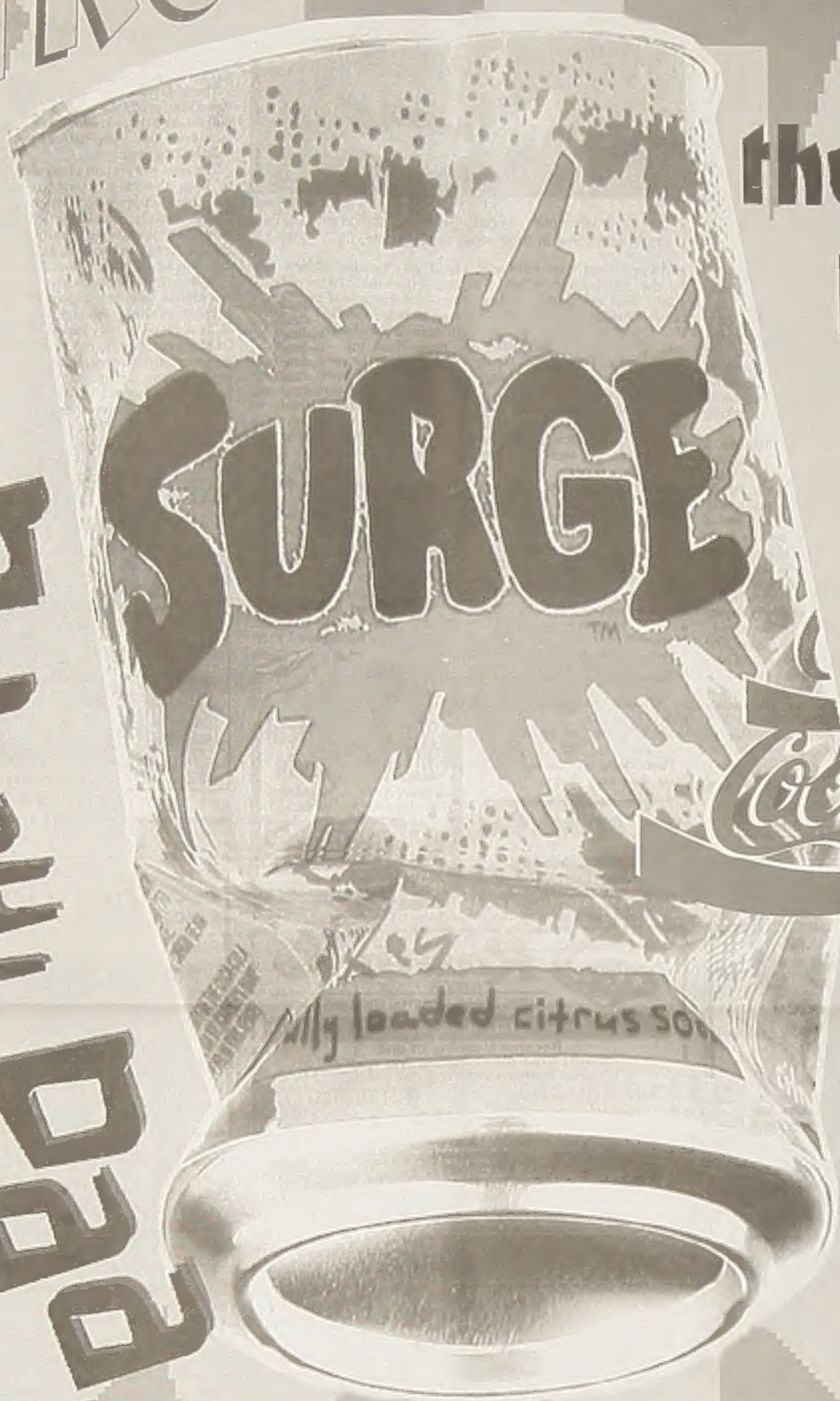
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